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AT A GLANCE

THE NEXT MEETING, SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB will be held at 8pm on Wednesday, 6th September, 2006, at St Bernadettes Church Hall, on the corner of Walsh Ave and South Road, St Marys.

Guest Speaker - Graham Morris. Subject - Cymbidiums.

DAYTIME CHAPTER to be held at the South Brighton Community Hall, Dover Square, South Brighton, on Thursday 14th September, 2006, at 2pm.

Guest Speaker - Graham Zerbe. Subject - Growing Cool Genera

SPECIES GROUP on Monday, 18th September, 2006, at 8pm, South Brighton Community Hall, Dover Square, off Broadway, South Brighton.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL GROUP on 17th September, 2006, at Carrickalinga House, 17 -19 Torrens St, Victor Harbor at 2pm. Mr Murray Baulderstone will Chair Meeting.

Guest Speaker - Jane Higgs. Subject - Phragmipedium.

CYMBIDIUM APPRECIATION GROUP on Tuesday, 12th September, 2006, at 8pm, South Brighton Community Hall, Dover Square off Broadway, South Brighton.

Subject - Deflask, Pot on and Breaking up, and please bring a plant each so we can appreciate them.

THANKYOU to Trevor Garard for your donation of a flask of *Den kingianums* to the Species Group
And to Tom Burian for last months and this months Raffle Plants

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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.

JUDGING ROSTER FOR SEPTEMBER MEETING

Registrar - Ian Attenborough

Open - N Oliver J Gay Pencillor - S Saunders Observer - C Campbell

First - T Bourne I Attenborough Pencillor - M Tiggerman Observer - W Lodge

Second - R Shooter B Bower Pencillor - J Robinson Observer - B Lyttle

Hostess -

Irene Parish and Vanessa Talbot

O.C.S.A. - ROYAL SHOW.

Put in 8.30am - 9am, Wednesday, 30th August. Venue - Ridley Centre. Enter via Leader St. Members, this year we have a very small area 3 x 3 metres. Could you please phone Irene on 8296 4118, or Lucy on 8381 4420 and let them know what plants you have to display. Yes we do need your plants, but to avoid disappointment, I know you will understand, as space is the concern. Take out between 8am - 9am, September 10th, enter via Leader St.

2006 CLUB MEETING DATES

October

4 Main Graham Zerbe on Pt MacQuarie Orchid Conference

10 Cymbidium Appreciation

12 Daytime Group

15 Southern Group

16 Species Group

November

1 Main John Harris re Milo Bali Orchids

14 Cym Appreciation Group

16 Daytime Chapter

19 Southern Regional Group

20 Species Group

December

6 Main Christmas Surprise

14 Daytime Chapter

17 Southern Regional Group

2007

February

4 Species Group B-B-que

7 Main AGM

13 Cym Appreciation Group

15 Daytime Chapter

18 Southern Regional Group

19 Species Group

March

7 Main

13 Cym Appreciation Group

15 Daytime Chapter

18 Southern Regional Group

19 Species Group

PREIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thankyou for all the phone calls and Good Wishes when I was in Hospital. It is great to have so much support when you are on the sick list.

Members, we were all delighted to see so many plants benched at August Meeting. 135 plants, all so well grown. I am sure the Judges had their work cut out judging Plant of the Night.

Let's hope the very cold nights have finished and we get the rain we need to desperately. I am very sorry to hear so many members have lost and had so many plants damaged by the frosts.

September is going to be a very busy and exciting time. O.C.S.A. once again invited us to show at the Royal Show, a number of Adelaide people are off to Ararat and so is yours truly, Murray Bridge Show and our Show at Arndale. What more could Orchid growers ask for. Nice to see new names down in the Roster Book for Arndale Show. It does make it much easier for us all, but we do need more volunteers, please. See Dorothy and pop your name down, for a few of hours.

October will be a challenge. We have 2 displays we have been asked to do. One at Centro Hilton - this is a Display Table and Trading Table. Plus a Senior Citizen Complex at Seaford - a Display Table. Please, any member who may have plants to show or sell contact Lucy and let her know what you may be able to let us have as we all know there's not a lot around by then to display.

Members, through your generosity it has made it a lot easier this year with Trading Table plants etc, once again we are running out, commercial growers have been very generous, but we need to remember they do supply most clubs. When potting up please remember the one you throw away may make an ideal raffle plant, lucky door or Birthday present.

The plant you leave at home may have been Grand Champion at Arndale, so bring it along to Hamilton School and let the Judges decide. Please members bring all judged plants down to Arndale. Good Growing, Regards Geoff.

CYM APPRECIATION GROUP

what this group is all about ??

Answer - appreciating Cymbidiums.

Every member who attends this group grows great Cymys and we would all love to see them. So please next month all bring a plant and let's talk about **your** plant.

Last month was an excellent meeting. Thankyou to Graham Zerbe for the very interesting video and Thankyou Richard for helping with the projector.

BUS TRIP

Tourist coach (Corston Coaches) arrived at 8.30, with Ralph, our coach captain for the day. He provided us with great information on the trip to both Nurseries. There were 38 members on the bus and another 23 waiting for us when we arrived and very good attendance by all groups, which was wonderful to see. What more could you ask for, delightful weather, good company, a very pretty trip through the hills and a great BBQ. There was some confusion on arrival but this was soon sorted out. Hazel and Des cooked a good BBQ and this gave Chef Geoff a rest.

A big Thankyou to Bev and John Gay and as usual great hosts and a wonderful morning tea was had by all. Next onto Tom Burian's. Thankyou, Tom for a great day and also Thankyou to Corston Coaches (Ralph), for making our day so pleasant. A member from Main Meeting had an unpleasant nose bleed. Thankyou to Monika Sorrell from Victor Harbor Group for assistance. Count the Chocolates in the Basket was won by Heather Englehardt. Lucky No was won by Henk Van Leuveran and also a large raffle was won by many members. Many members added plants to their collections from both the Nurseries we visited and we arrived back at Dover Square at 5pm.

SPRING SHOW

Judging at Basketball Stadium, Hamilton School, Marion Road, Saturday, 16th September.
Put in 1.30 - Judging - 2pm sharp.

Arndale Show put in - 17th September, 10am sharp. Remember this is the City to the Bay Fun Run. More details on times given out at the Meeting.

Plants must be at Arndale, 10am sharp. Members, you may leave your plants at the School over night, or Committee will take them to Arndale for you with care.

Centro Arndale, Shopping Centre Venue outside Harris Scarfe, 470 Torrens Road, Kilkenny. Carpark 1 Entrance by Woolworth's Store Torrens Road. Shopping Trolleys not to be used. We have organized 3 Trolleys from members of the Club to take plants into the centre.

As part of terms and conditions Centro ask all casual leasing tenants meet the following guide lines: -

All Trading Table helpers to neatly dressed. We always do keep this standard of dress code, please no headwear. No smoking, eating or drinking at your display area.

Display must be manned at all times. No boxes or bags must be visible during trading hours.

Take out Saturday, 23 September, 4.30pm. .

Remember if you put your plants up for judging and later take them home, please bring them back to Arndale. We need the public to see a great display from South Coast Orchid Club. (Its is a condition that judged plants must be put in the display)

Show Marshall - Ron Parish

SPRING SHOW JUDGING - Registrar - I Attenborough

Panel 1

Leader - G Zerbe A Gusling G Eakins Pencillor - P Flavel Observer - C Campbell

Panel 2

Leader - N Oliver P Harmer Pencillor - G Flavel Observer - W Lodge

Panel 3

Leader - P Harmer H Fishlock Pencillor - J Robinson Observer - S Saunders

Panel 4

MURRAY BRIDGE SHOW

15, 16 and 17th September at Town Hall, Murray Bridge.

Friday noon to 5pm. Saturday and Sunday 10am to 4pm.

VIEWING PLANTS AT MEETINGS.

Members please try and leave your show plants on the tables for ½ hour after meeting so members may view your plants. Members only get supper time to see your wonderful flowering plants.

COMPUTER PROBLEM?

A NUMBER OF MEMBERS have informed Committee that they are having problems opening the Pdf file for the Gazette from the website. Ron recommends that you go to the ADOBE SITE and download the latest version of the 'READER', 7.07, or later (about 20mb) and this should fix the problem or alternatively WE can provide one on CD. If you still have a problem contact Ron on 8298 4118.

APOLOGY

July Meeting - T Martindale and T Deionno, owing to confusion of members' numbers, Toshie and Tony won a first prize with DENDROBIUM DOREEN and were omitted from the judging list. This has been rectified.

HELPERS NEEDED AFTER MEETING

We need volunteers to help put trestles away after meetings. Meetings usually finishes at 9.30, supper and plant viewing until 10pm.

Please see John Dunn or phone Lucy on 8381 4420 to put your name on the roster. Remember many hands make light work. You may only need to help twice a year.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL GROUP SHOW

Congratulations to Eileen Pinnock, winner of the Best Flower of the Show - Cym, REDBILL 'PINK PROFUSION'.

January 2005, Southern Regional Group had their first meeting, (only a couple of members knew about the culture of orchids). Nineteen months later, you all need a pat on the back, all plants on the Show Table were grown locally and each member who benched a plant received a first prize certificate - 62 plants were displayed.

Thankyou to the Suttons and Clifford Family's for all the work and effort you have put into this Show and to the members who grow such lovely plants. Sue and Graham Zerbe were Guest Speakers and showed a video of the Port Macquarie Conference. Thankyou Graham for coming such a long distance to show such an interesting video.



Next month Jane Higgs is talking on her beloved *PHRAG-MIPEDIUMS*. Jane grows a mixed genera, but I think Phaphs and Phrags are her favourite orchids. Jane and Don live at Myponga and I know a few members have been to her open garden days.

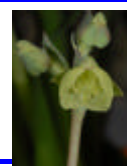
Murray Baulderstone will Chair the September Meeting.



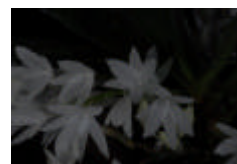
SPECIES GROUP

Members of the Orchid Species Club were again treated to a mass display of interesting and varied species, some 34 plants in total.

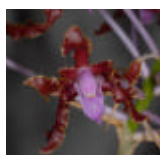
As with all these meetings the species varied from the tiny Australian *Cyrtostylis reniformis* with its 10mm dark red flowers looking like a swarm of mosquitos, the common name for this genus of orchid, of which there are about 20 species, is 'The Mosquito Orchid' to the large plant of *Dockrillia teretifolia* mounted on a piece of melaleuca branch being about one metre from top to bottom. This plant belonged to Lucy Speer and had recently been awarded. The common name for this Australian species is 'The Bridal Veil Orchid' and the plant brought in looked like a white wedding dress train. This is quite an easy orchid to cultivate but patience is required to achieve the results Lucy has. Another large plant was *Calanthe vestita* a terrestrial species from Burma, Indonesia & Thailand. Very variable in colour ranging from pure white through pinks to deep red. The plant benched had 5 long racemes of white flowers with a bright red labellum. An interesting orchid in that it flowers after the deciduous leaves fall exposing the 10cm tall silvery pseudobulbs with the flower spikes coming from the base of the bulb. There were a number of *Pleurothallis species macra*, *viduata*, *dunstervillea* & one unknown species all exhibiting their peculiar habit of producing their small flowers from the petiole of the leaf rather than from the stem of the plant. Because these flowers are small they are often only seen at species clubs meetings where their true beauty is appreciated.



Disparis spp



Aerangis hyaloides



Schomb. moyobambae

Another small orchid is *Aerangis hyaloides* a species from Madagascar the whole plant was only about 10cms tall but covered in almost transparent pure white spidery 10mm flowers arranged distichously (side by side) on 60mm long racemes, a delightful little species that under South Australian conditions does require some winter protection.

At the other end of the spectrum was a specimen of *Schomburgkia moyobambae* closely related to the genus *Laelia*. When not in flower vegetatively they do indeed look just like a *Laelia* but the identifying characteristic is the tall flower spike. The one at the meeting was about 90cms long standing erect from the apex of the pseudobulb. To view the head of magenta coloured, twisted flowers the pot had to be placed on the floor where the flowers were then at eye level.

Others too numerous to mention individually were *Sigmatochilus radicans*, *Epidendrum corifolium*, *Disparis spp*, *Maxillaria porphyrostele*, *Pterostylis curta*, *Mormolyca ringens*, *Laelia anceps*, *Epidendron ciliare*, *Diuris pardina*, *Paphiopedilum greatrixianum*, *Oncidium maculatum*, *Serapius lingua*, *Dendrobium kingianum*, *Brassia gireoudiana*, *Dendrobium nathanulensis*, *Sacochilus ceciliae*, *Dendrobium aemulum* & *Pterostylis curta* var *Alba*. The meeting concluded at around 9.30 with a cup of tea and much discussion on the orchids benched.

Reg Shooter

AUGUST MONTHLY FLORAL COMPETITION

Open Division

Australian native epiphyte hybrid

354	Den. Hilda Poxon 'Ern'	Bev & John Gay (65)	3
355	Den. Bellingher River	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	2
356	Den. Graham Hewitt	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	1

Australian native epiphyte species

353	Dock. teretifolia	Bev & John Gay (65)	3
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Australian native terrestrial hybrid

360	Ptst. Ruckman	Malcolm Guy (248)	3
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Australian native terrestrial species

357	Ptst. concinna	Malcolm Guy (248)	3
358	Ptst. smaradma	Malcolm Guy (248)	2
359	Acianthus fornicatus	Malcolm Guy (248)	1

Cymbidium < 60mm (all colours)

394	Cym. (Mimi 'Sacramento' x Sussex Dawn)	Bev & John Gay (65)	3
395	Cym. Sarah Jean 'Karen'	Malcolm Tiggeman (465)	2
396	Cym. Cherry Blossom 'Profusion'	Bev & John Gay (65)	1

Cymbidium > 90mm (all colours)

400	Cym. (Alexandra Beauty x Big Taisho)	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	3
401	Cym. (White Valley x Strath Wonder)	Richard & Beryl Wilson (321)	2
402	Cym. Coco Jim 'Sim'	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	1

Cymbidium 60 - 90 mm (all colours)

397	Cym. Margaret Thatcher 'Perfection'	Bev & John Gay (65)	3
398	Cym. Invergarry 'Winter Red'	Malcolm Guy (248)	2
399	Cym. Kiandra 'Bricky'	Bev & John Gay (65)	1

Dendrobium (not Aust native) hybrid

410	Den. [Doreen x (Anouk x Sagarik)]	Tony & Toshie Deionno & Martindale (24)	3
411	Den. Woo Leng 'Blue Lip'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	2
412	Dock. Australian Ginger	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	1

Laeliinae Non Standard Cluster

415	Lc. Adelaide Ablaze	Tony & Toshie Deionno & Martindale (24)	3
416	Pot. Wattana Gold	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	2
417	C. Rose Drop	Gerald Voskamp (1650)	1

Laeliinae Non Standard Other

409	Lc. Jungle Elf x L. rupestris	Bev & John Gay (65)	3
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Laeliinae species

413	Enc. cochleata	Malcolm Tiggeman (465)	3
414	L. anceps	Gerald Voskamp (1650)	2

Oncidiinae hybrid

419	Onc. Sweet Sugar 'Angel'	Bev & John Gay (65)	3
420	Onc. Sharry Baby 'Sweet Fragrance'	Hank & Erna Van Leuveren (178)	2

Oncidiinae species

418	Osmoglossum pulchellum	Bev & John Gay (65)	3
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Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - species

440	Ludisia discolor	Bev & John Gay (65)	3
441	Rstp. sanguinea	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	2
442	Scaph. antenniferum	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	1

Orchid Seedling any genera

443	Cym. (Alexander Beauty x Big Taisho)	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	3
444	Phal. (Brother Spring Song x amabilis)	Richard & Heather Fishlock (134)	2
445	Paph. (Gigi x Holdenii)	Gerald Voskamp (1650)	1

Paphiopedilum Novelty

427	Paph. Tatonka	Bev & John Gay (65)	3
428	Paph. (Gigi x Holdenii)	Gerald Voskamp (1650)	2

Paphiopedilum species

421	Paph. insigne	Bev & John Gay (65)	3
422	Paph. villosum	Gerald Voskamp (1650)	2
423	Paph. insigne	Helmuth Gerber (42)	1

Paphiopedilum Standard

424	Paph. (Gigi x Red Start 'Nancy')	Malcolm Tiggeman (465)	3
425	Paph. Kangaroo Island	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	2
426	Paph. Beaute 'No.2'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	1

Phalaenopsis Standard

433	Phal. (Brother Spring Song x amabilis)	Richard & Heather Fishlock (134)	3
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Vandaceous Hybrid

434	Srts. Toowoomba Sparkle 'Fantasy'	Richard & Heather Fishlock (134)	3
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Zygopetalum hybrid (inc. intergenerics)

436	Z. (Gary Baker x Titanic 'June')	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
437	Zga. Clare Fisher 'Ella'	Trevor Garard (152)	2
438	Z. Artur Elle 'Essendon'	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	1
Zygopetalum species			
435	Z. mackayi	Richard & Heather Fishlock (134)	3

Note: 412 Dock. Australian Ginger is the registered name for Dock. (striolata x fuliginosa)
417 C. Rose Drop is the registered name for C. (Porcia x Chocolate Drop)

365	Ptst. curta	Suzanne Saunders (1481)	3
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Cymbidium < 60mm (all colours)

367	Cym. Morialta 'Morialta Falls'	Norman Woodend (1525)	3
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Cymbidium > 90mm (all colours)

371	Cym. (Red Beauty x Lovely Angel)	Silvester Ng (1491)	3
372	Cym. Uluru	Murray Baulderstone (25)	2
373	Cym. (White Valley x Yowie Rose)	Murray Baulderstone (25)	1

Cymbidium 60 - 90 mm (all colours)

368	Cym. One Tree Hill 'Doris'	Rito Silvestri (302)	3
369	Cym. Ruby Valley 'Clare'	Norman Woodend (1525)	2
370	Cym. Lerwick 'Leanne Marie Crickmar'	John Robinson (1448)	1

Dendrobium (not Aust native) hybrid

366	Dock. Gillieston Glow	Heather Engelhardt (263)	3
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Laeliinae Non Standard Cluster

375	C. Rose Drop 'Emily'	Rito Silvestri (302)	3
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Laeliinae species

374	Enc. cochleata	Murray Baulderstone (25)	3
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Oncidiinae hybrid

392	Mclna. Pagan Lovesong 'Ruby Charles'	Dorothy Carassai (294)	3
393	Billra. Tropic Splendor 'Hildos'	Suzanne Saunders (1481)	2

Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - species

429	Phrag. Sedenii	Heather Engelhardt (263)	3
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Orchid Seedling any genera

431	Z. Titanic	Murray Baulderstone (25)	3
430	Cym. (Red Beauty x Lovely Angel)	Silvester Ng (1491)	2
432	Cym. (White Valley x Yowie Rose)	Murray Baulderstone (25)	1

Paphiopedilum species

403	Paph. insigne	Murray Baulderstone (25)	3
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Paphiopedilum Standard

404	Paph. British Bulldog	Suzanne Saunders (1481)	3
405	Paph. Winston Churchill 'Indomitable'	Murray Baulderstone (25)	2
406	Paph. (name unknown)	Heather Engelhardt (263)	1

Zygopetalum hybrid (inc. intergenerics)

408	Z. Titanic	Murray Baulderstone (25)	3
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Zygopetalum species

407	Z. crinitum	Murray Baulderstone (25)	3
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Note: 366 - Dock. Gillieston Glow is the registered name for Dock. (Stephen x teretifolia)

Second Division

Australian native epiphyte hybrid

350	Den. Ellen	Ruth & Gunter Eckhard (436)	3
351	Den. Wonga	Ruth & Gunter Eckhard (436)	2
352	Den. Hilda Poxon	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	1

Australian native epiphyte species

349	Dock. teretifolia	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	3
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Cymbidium < 60mm (all colours)

382	Cym. Ice-On-Fire	Allen Wilson (250)	3
383	Cym. Brunette 'Elsie'	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	2
384	Cym. Morialta 'Morialta Falls'	Ruth & Gunter Eckhard (436)	1

Cymbidium > 90mm (all colours)

388	Cym. Julie Hawkes	Allen Wilson (250)	3
389	Cym. Mint Ice	Allen Wilson (250)	2
390	Cym. Yellow River 'Stepp'	Allen Wilson (250)	1

Cymbidium 60 - 90 mm (all colours)

385	Cym. Rap Dancer 'Red Delight'	Hazel & Des. Alsop (357)	3
386	Cym. Valley Exhibit 'Surprise'	Jim Fogarasi (150)	2
387	Cym. Winter Fire	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	1

Cymbidium species (any size)

381	Cym. tracyanum	Wendy Lodge (406)	3
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Laeliinae Non Standard Other

377	Lc. Burgundy Gem	Anne & Colin Campbell (479)	3
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Laeliinae Standard < 100mm

378	Bc. Trudy Baker	Wendy Lodge (406)	3
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Oncidiinae species

376	Onc. ornithorhycum	Wendy Lodge (406)	3
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Orchid Seedling any genera

380	Paph. (Spectral Freeze x fairrieatum)	Anne & Colin Campbell (479)	3
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Paphiopedilum Novelty

391	Paph. (Spectral Freeze x fairrieatum)	Anne & Colin Campbell (479)	3
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Zygopetalum species

379	Z. mackayi	Wendy Lodge (406)	3
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Note: 377 Lc. Burgundy Gem is the correct name.
 382 Cym. Ice-On-Fire is the correct way to write this name.

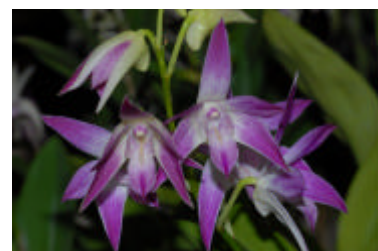
On the bench at the August 2006 Meeting.

This month, and heading towards the end of winter / beginning of spring, the numbers of plants on the bench increased, particularly in Open and Second Divisions.

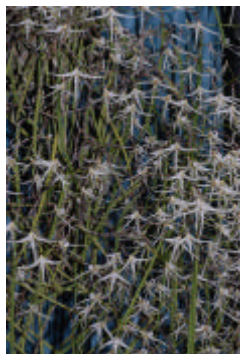
I would strongly request that members place their plants on the tables(s) provided so that the rostered judges can then place them in their correct classes for judging and that members do not enter the judging area prior to the meeting. As the number of plants increases the benching area becomes very crowded and we saw a number of situations where flowers could have been accidentally damaged. We definitely do not want to see that happen to your flowers or those of other members.



Flower of Second Division and flower of the night: *Lc. Burgundy Gem* grown by Anne and Colin Campbell. *Lc. Burgundy Gem* is a small growing plant. It had nine growths with the lead carrying an inflorescence with one bud and one open well shaped and filled in flower. The sepals and petals were rich rose-purple as was the labellum which had a deep purple patch on the mid-lobe and was yellow towards the throat. One parent of this plant is the species *Laelia pumila*, the flowers of which are described as being between 8 and 11 cm across with rich rose-purple sepals and petals and a similarly coloured labellum with a white throat and a dark purple area on the mid-lobe. The other parent, the hybrid *Cattleya Angelwalker*, has two principal species *C. walkeriana* and *C. loddigesii* in its background. *C. walkeriana* is similar in colour to *L. pumila* while the *C. loddigesii* is paler but has somewhat broader flower segments.



Flower of First Division: Den Anne's Rainbow Surprise benched by David and Kay Camack was a moderately large plant carrying six inflorescences with open flowers and three more still all in bud. The flowers were 55mm wide x 70mm across with purple sepals and petals shading to cream at their base. The central lobe of the broad labellum was light purple with a dark purple central stripe and the side lobes were white/cream spotted with fine light purple-pink.



Flower of open Division: *Dockrillia teretifolia* Grown by John and Bev. Gay. A very well grown and flowered example of the species mounted on what appeared to be a piece of a branch. The plant was very floriferous with some 500 flowers in all. The flowers were large and of good shape the sepals and

petals were white and the reflexed white labellum had a row of fine maroon spots along each side.

Other plants on the bench:

In second division there was another smaller plant of *Dock. teretifolia* growing on a piece of cork benched by Rod and Judy McRedmond. It had 11 inflorescences carrying up to eight inverted flowers, as they always are in this species. Sepals and petals were white shading to pale green towards their bases and the white labellum was spotted in deep maroon.

In first division the hybrid *Zygopetalum* Titanic was benched by Murray Baulderstone. This plant resulted from a crossing of two other *Z.* Titanic hybrids. It was a small plant carrying one inflorescence of three flowers 55mm across x 60mm high. Sepals and petals were broad, very dark brown with a few small greenish markings and a very fine greenish-yellow edging. The very heavily purple striped white broad labellum was very flat, i.e. in the same plane as the other flower segments.

In open division Tony Deionno benched a very nice non-Australian native *Dendrobium* hybrid, *Den. Doreen* x *Anouk* x *Sagarik* which, although heavily influenced by *Den. bigibbum* (*syn. Den. phalaenopsis*) there are other *Den. species* in its background which are not Aussie natives. *Doreen* is 90% *Den. bigibbum*, *Anouk* is 75% *bigibbum* and *Sagarik* is 62.5% *bigibbum* but without knowing which two were paired to make one of the parents it is impossible to know the exact portion of *Den. bigibbum* it contains. One cane had three inflorescences, one with 8 open flowers, one with 7 open flowers and 3 buds and the third with three open flowers. Two other canes had inflorescences still in bud. The flowers were 70mm across and 63mm high, the sepals and petals were purple shading to paler and to cream at their base and were complimented by a deep purple labellum.
Ian Attenborough

Welcome & Congratulations to



NEW MEMBERS

Robert Bennett

DAYTIME GROUP

Hi Everyone, Our Guest Speaker today was Mr Don Nesbitt, who gave us an excellent insight into growing of *Oncidium* Orchids or "Dancing Ladies" as they are commonly known as. Don stated that they liked plenty of light and plenty of air movement and for this he usually hangs them up high in his shade-house which has the white 50% on top, this he usually covers with 50% black shade-cloth in the summer, he also waters early in the morning to increase the humidity that they love. In the Winter, Don only waters once a week but in the Summer he waters daily, he uses a soluble fertilizer like MacroCote Red and Peter's Orchid formula No 5 and he's quite happy with the results on his plants. Don's potting mix is a medium bark, marble chips and foam granules and also tries to use the port pots as they have a lot more holes in the bottom which allows the mix to dry out a lot quicker, and Don usually repots his plants each year to keep them moving along. We also viewed some slides of various *Oncidium*s which were great. Don also brought along a few of his plants that were in flower to show us which we all appreciated, especially a lovely dark red one, which I'm sure he could have sold at least twenty times over if he wanted as everyone loved it, but he did have few other plants for sale which the Members snapped up. There were quite a few of the *Oncidium* Alliance plants on our display table which were brought in by our Members which pleased Don greatly as he was able to give a brief talk on them as well. Thanks Don for a job well done. I'm sure we all learnt something. Our popular vote today was won by "Yours Truly", a lovely surprise, the plant being Micn Pagan love Song "Ruby Charles", this plant last year only had 5 flowers, this year there were 20 flowers, it usually lives out in the shade-house with Cymbs until the flowers started to show colour then it was moved under cover. This year I wrapped a piece of cotton-wool around the bottom flower to stop anything crawling up spike and ruining the flowers - it really worked as all the flowers were OK.

A big Thankyou to all the other Members who bought in their plants to share with us - a lovely selection, all very clean and well grown.

Congratulations to you all. A big, big cheerio to Mr Norman Gitsham, we all send our very Best Wishes to you, and all hope you will be back with us again soon. Bye, Dorothy.

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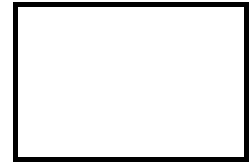
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