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AT A GLANCE

THE NEXT MEETING of the South Coast Orchid Club will be held at 8pm on Tuesday 12th April 2005 at St Bernadette's Church Hall at St Marys.

Guest Speaker; G Zerbe Subject; Display Judging Syd Monkhouse on rare Oncidiums

BEGINNERS CLASS 7.30 before the main meeting
Presentation for shows. Presenter Graham Morris

PENCILLERS CLASS - 7.15 before meeting.

Subject –Oncidiums and Australian Natives 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 14th April 2005 at 2pm. Guest speaker is John Robinson – Fertilizing for Flowers

SPECIES GROUP 4th April 2005 at 8pm South Brighton Community Hall, Dover Square, Broadway South Brighton.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL GROUP – Sunday 10th April 2005 at Carrackalinga House, 17-19 Torrens St Victor Harbor at 3pm. Guest Speaker – M Baulderstone. Subject – Cattleya orchids and Geoff Spear. Subject – Breeding Program
Committee Decision! **You need a larger room** when you arrive for April meeting turn left into games room - well done!

One membership covers all groups.

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

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

2005 Club meeting dates

May

2 Species Group
10 Main S Lenkik on Cyms.
12 Daytime
15 Southern Group

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

WHATS ON BEFORE THE MEETING?

RAFFLE PLANTS April Graham Morris Thankyou

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: Hazel and Des Alsop. Hostess: Irene Parish

JUDGES:

Judges: Open; John Gay, David Harmer

First Div; Noel Oliver, Bertie Bower

Second Div; Ian Attenborough, Rick Pankoke

Penciller P Flavel

Penciller G Flavel

Penciller M Baulderstone

Computer B Gay

WHATS 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

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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Pauline and Roger Rankin attended our February meeting and presented certificates to;
R & I Parish 2003 Hybrid of the year
G & P Flavel

Ira Butler Certificate – David Cammack Den Anne's Rainbow Surprise
Ira Butler Certificate – G & L Spear Den Zipimperial x Den Speciosum Winamere (Liza Turner)

Bill Murdock Certificate – Malcolm Triggerman Den Speciosum
Bill Murdock Certificate – W Clark Liparis Reflexa
Bill Murdock Certificate – W Clark Pterostylis Curta

Keith Sutton and Malcomn Young promoted to 1st Division.

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; Margaret Goleby

Daytime Convenor and Assistant Treasurer; Dorothy Carassai

Librarian; Hank Van Leuveran

Plant Visits & House Organizers Merv Steele, John Nichols, David Cammack.

MEMBERS have requested to have a Christmas dinner instead of Presentation Dinner in January. December meeting we will be a catered dinner and then cultural meeting plus Judging your plants.

February meeting A.G.M and Presentation of Trophies.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL GROUP

Fifteen very enthusiastic new members from last month and two new members attended our first meeting at Victor Harbor.

Pat and David Harmer and John Robinson were guest speakers, the members all agreed they would be known as Southern Regional Group as this covers all areas.

Southern Group and Parent Club exhibited a variety of different genera, which made a very colorful display for this time of the year. All members are so very interested, this is going to be a very successful group of orchid lovers. Thank you to Syd and Shirley Monkhouse and S.C.O.C member who attended it was very much appreciated by new members and your committee. - Workshop by Graham Morris and Geoff Spear What a great meeting. Thank you Graham and Geoff. Such a fun practical demonstration all members around the table potting up their own divisions, so much enthusiasm shown. We all forgot the time Next meeting is the 10th of April 2005. Murray Baulderstone – Subject; How he grows cluster Cattleya. Murray has won many prizes with his Cattleya.

So much interest was shown last month Graham Morris suggested Geoff continues on with the Breeding Program. Graham will lend Geoff seed pods flask, etc to show you how your beloved orchids breed.

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

Judges:

Registrar 10 o'clock R Fishlock

H Fishlock D Harmer R Pankoke N Olive R Shooter P Harmer J Gay

Scribes: M Baulderstone, P Flavel, G Flavel

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 time their own plant over to be put into display or committee will attend to them.

SPECIES GROUP

The species group met for the first time in 2005 this month and the Laeliniae were out in force. A *Cattleya loddigesii* clone produced its stem bearing many intense purple flattish blooms with a lemon lip. *Laelia crispa* had a spike of white flowers with rolled frilled, "crisped" edged petals and sepals with a dark indigo lip. The plant was induced to bloom this year by a judicious touch of dryness. A semi-alba *Cattleya lueddemanniana*, under its synonym *speciosissima* showed why this species is regarded so highly. Classic *Cattleya* good looks, wide petals in dazzling white and a yellow and purple stained lip- quite a sight. *Encyclia fragrans*, a subtle green yellow upside down flower didn't live up to its name- perhaps it prefers the warmth of the day to give off fragrance.

Mormolyca ringens, a Mexican, bears smallish yellow green flowers with magenta stripes on and off through the year though mainly in summer. An easy intermediate grower.

Asian orchids were represented by *Phalaenopsis fasciata*, a small warm grower with plain green wide leaves and an inflorescence bearing many yellow flowers beautifully barred with magenta. An easy grower, given heat.



Phal fasciata

Mlca ringens

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear Members,

April Gazette will go to print while Lucy and I are away; we arrive home late on the 30th March. I will make up for such a short letter in our May Gazette and will tell you all about the Dijon conference and our trip.

The venue for judging at our autumn show will be excellent, judging and display area are only a very short distance from one another. Ron Parish found this venue for us. Thanks Ron.

Autumn is my favourite time of the year watching your spikes grow, nurturing them along, protecting them from the elements, wondering if you will have a champion, among your collection.

See you all at the April meeting.

Good Growing!

Kind Regards, Geoff

P.S Please remember Dorothy needs all the help she can get for volunteers on Trading Table and please keep your plastic bags.

PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE SOUTH COAST ORCHID CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC. 1965 to 2005

Can you help

Have we left anyone out and have we listed our past presidents in the correct order? Please phone Lucy on 83814420

1st President Mr. Robinson of Victor Harbour

2nd G Harvey Morphett Vale

3rd J Leeder

4th K Northcote Christie Downs

5th H Viney

6th K Northcote

7th N Wolefdale

8th M Manglesdorf

9th C Haines

10th P Flavel

11th H Edwards

12th J Higgs

13th M Baulderstone Christie Downs and St Mary's

14th G Spear



Welcome & Congratulations to

Graham Harvey, Marie Pedler, Rob Carlyle, Rita Mathews, Carlyle & Keith Thomson, Jacqie Thomson, Reg Clifford, Chloe Meeuwsen, Marjorie & Ted Chance

MARCH MONTHLY FLORAL COMPETITION RESULTS

FLOWER OF THE DIVISION & FLOWER OF THE NIGHT
the hybrid *C. Valentine Day*, came from the group of
Laeliinae benched and was grown by John and Bev. Gay.
It was a well-grown specimen plant with five inflorescences
carrying from 8 to 11 glossy rich maroon flowers with
a purple labellum.



Open Division

Australian native epiphyte hybrid

67	Prcls. Victor	Graham & Sue Zerbe (18)	3
68	Den. Aussie Angel x Lorri Keels)	Malcolm Tiggeman (465)	2
69	Den. Rutherford Starburst	Bev & John Gay (65)	1

Australian native epiphyte species

65	Doc. cucumerin	Don & Audrey Biebrick (103)	3
66	Den. prenticii	Malcolm Tiggeman (465)	2

Cymbidium < 60mm (all colours)

84	Cym. Spicy Dream 'Kermit'	Helmuth Gerber (42)	3
85	Cym. Spicy Dream 'Pee Wee'	Helmuth Gerber (42)	2

Cymbidium 60 - 90 mm (all colours)

86	Cym. Spicy Dream	Helmuth Gerber (42)	2
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Dendrobium (not Aust native) species

83	Den. farmeri	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
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Laeliinae Non Standard Cluster

98	<i>C. Valentine Day</i>	Bev & John Gay (65)	3
99	<i>C. Valentine Day 'Chloe'</i>	Don & Audrey Biebrick (103)	2
100	<i>C. Valentine Day</i>	Geoff & Lucy Spear (5)	1

Laeliinae Non Standard Other

101	<i>C. (Makaha Gold x Chocolate Drop)</i>	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	3
102	<i>Bpl. Freya</i>	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	2
103	<i>C. (Kew x Amy Wakasuyi)</i>	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	1

Laeliinae species

92	<i>C. loddigesii 'Blue Sky'</i>	Bev & John Gay (65)	3
93	<i>C. speciossima 'Stanley'</i>	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	2
94	<i>Enc. radiata</i>	Gerald Voskamp (1650)	1

Laeliinae Standard < 100mm

95	<i>Ctna. Caprilea</i>	Tony Deionno (24)	3
96	<i>Lc. Sierra Skies 'Leone'</i>	Bev & John Gay (65)	2
97	<i>C. Brownaie 'Val'</i>	Hank & Erna Van Leuveren (178)	1

Oncidiinae hybrid

89	<i>Colm. Wildcat 'H&R'</i>	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
90	<i>Milt. Goodale Moir 'Golden Wonder'</i>	Don & Audrey Biebrick (103)	2
91	<i>Onc. Sharry Baby</i>	Don & Audrey Biebrick (103)	1

Oncidiinae species

87	<i>Onc. excavatum</i>	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	3
88	<i>Psy. papilio</i>	Bev & John Gay (65)	2

Phalaenopsis species

111	<i>Phal. fasciata</i>	Ron & Irene Parish (477)	3
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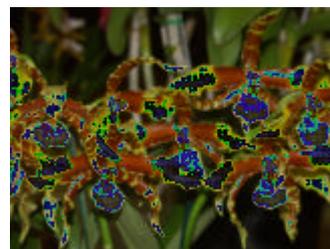
Vandaceous Hybrid

115	<i>Srts. Toowoomba 'Sparkle Fantasy'</i>	Richard & Heather Fishlock (134)	3
116	<i>V. Faye Bennett 'Dynasty'</i>	Bev & John Gay (65)	2

Zygopetalum hybrid (inc. intergenerics)

112	<i>Z. Artur Elle 'Essendon'</i>	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	3
113	<i>Z. Clare Fisher 'Eileen'</i>	Helmuth Gerber (42)	2
114	<i>Z. Advance Australia 'Will'</i>	Peter & Geraldine Flavel (487)	1

FLOWER OF FIRST DIVISION was the species *Rossioglossum grande* grown by Terri Rees. A well-grown small plant of 3 bulbs with two spikes carrying 7 flowers each. The flowers were broad, about 140mm across, with greenish yellow sepals barred with brown. The outer 1/2 of the petals were greenish yellow and the inner 1/2 were brown and the labellum creamish-white with light brown barring towards its base.



First Division

Cymbidium 60 - 90 mm (all colours)

62	Cym. Golden Elf 'Sundust'	Silvester Ng (1491)	3
63	Cym. Peter Pan 'Greensleeves'	Terri Rees (50)	2
64	Cym. [(Kurun x Carikhyber) x Peter Pan]	Silvester Ng (1491)	1

Laeliinae Non Standard Cluster

78	C. Mrs. Mahler 'Mem. Fred Tomkins'	Suzanne Willcox (1481)	3
79	C. Valentine Day	Suzanne Willcox (1481)	2
80	C. Valentine Day 'Lisa'	Murray Baulderstone (25)	1

Laeliinae Non Standard Other

81	Lc. Interceps	Rito Silvestri (302)	3
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Laeliinae species

75	Enc. mariae	Terri Rees (50)	3
76	Enc. radiata	Terri Rees (50)	2

Laeliinae Standard < 100mm

77	C. (Chocolate Drop x interglossa)	Murray Baulderstone (25)	3
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Oncidiinae hybrid

105	Milt. [Moirmoir x (clowesii x Kismet)]	Rito Silvestri (302)	3
106	Miltonia Goodale Moir 'Golden Wonder'	Terri Rees (50)	2
107	Miltonia Goodale Moir 'Golden Wonder'	Suzanne Willcox (1481)	1

Oncidiinae species

104	Ross. grande	Terri Rees (50)	3
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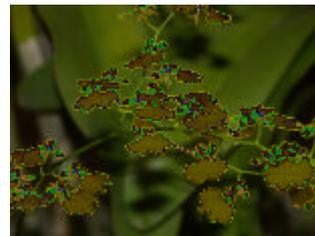
Orchid Genera not listed elsewhere - hybrid

108	Calanthe Domnii	Malcolm Young (754)	3
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Paphiopedilum Novelty

109	Paph. (Redstart x charlesworthii)	Terri Rees (50)	2
110	Paph. Gold Dollar	Suzanne Willcox (1481)	1

FLOWER OF SECOND DIVISION was *Oncidium flexuosum* grown by R & J McRedmond who benched two plants of this species. The plant with 4 side branches and all its flowers open was the better of the two. There were 35 flowers with yellow sepals and petals barred with brown and a broad bright



Second Division

Australian native epiphyte hybrid

58	Den. Hilda Poxon	Ruth & Gunter Eckhard (436)	3
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Cymbidium < 60mm (all colours)

59	Cym. Minuet	Ruth & Gunter Eckhard (436)	3
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Cymbidium 60 - 90 mm (all colours)

60	Cym. Peter Pan 'Greensleaves'	Hazel & Des. Alsop (357)	3
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Laeliinae Non Standard Cluster

61	Epi. Noosa Gold	Wendy Lodge (406)	3
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Oncidiinae hybrid

72	Milt. Goodale Moir 'Golden Wonder'	Ruth & Gunter Eckhard (436)	3
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Oncidiinae species

70	Onc. flexuosum	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	3
71	Onc. flexuosum	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	2

Phalaenopsis Novelty

73	Phal. (unknown)	Wendy Lodge (406)	3
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Zygopetalum hybrid (inc. intergenerics)

74	Z. (unknown)	Rod & Judy McRedmond (1141)	3
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Quotes taken from

Orchid Wise by Roger Rankin

All the best Orchid blooms die young, or don't come out. That's why shows are always full of second best.

Its nice to go into a flowering house and do nothing.....bet you can't do it!

Other Flowers benched on the Night, There was a good range of well grown and flowered plants benched in all divisions, including a few Cymbidiums and Australian native epiphytes.

Open Division Another plant *Ctna. Capri 'Lea'*, an intergeneric hybrid between the *Cattleya* and *Broughtonia* genera, was benched by Tony Deionno. A well-grown plant with spikes carrying 2 to 3 round, attractive and flat well-filled in purple flowers with cream markings on all segments. Peter and Geraldine Flavel benched an Indian species, *Den. farmeri*, a plant not so easy to grow and flower under our climatic conditions. It had one pendulous inflorescence with 15 pale lavender-pink on white with a deep yellow edged white labellum. The Vandaceous *Sartylis Toowoomba Sparkle 'Fantasy'*, an intergeneric hybrid between *Rhynchostylis sp.* and *Sarcochilus sp.*, was benched by Heather and Richard Fishlock. It had 19 open flowers, approximately 25-26mm across, and 11 buds. They were white with purple spotting on the proximal half of the sepals and petals and a purple lip.

First Division Two other species shown by Terry were *Encyclia radiata*, having 4 spikes of 'upside down' flowers (called resupinate flowers) of very pale green and maroon striping on the labellum and *Enc. mariae* which had narrow pale green sepals and petals, and a large white labellum. Suzanne Willcox benched a well-grown plant of *Cattleya Mrs. Mahler 'Mem. Fred Tomkins'* with 1 inflorescence having a cluster of 8 flowers, the sepals and petals were dark green with many dark purple spots and a purple labellum.

Second Division Wendy Lodge benched an unknown hybrid *Phalaenopsis* that was very well flowered on a side branch produced after the first flowers had finished. The white flowers were about 83mm across and the labellum had a yellow blush on its side-lobes and in the centre. There were also 2 Cymbidiums on the 2nd Division bench, the pink *Cym. Minuet* grown by R and G Eckhard and *Cym. Peter Pan 'Greensleeves'*, green with dark red barred and spotted labellum grown by H and D Alsop.

Apology last months Birthday Raffle miss-print prizes will be drawn at Dinner 12th of July.
Apology – Thank you Ian Attenborough for articles written in last month Gazette on the winners benched for February. Sorry we did not acknowledge this at the time.

BIRTHDAY RAFFLE

(BOTH EQUAL FIRST PRIZE)

SPIRIT OF THE COORONG

1ST PRIZE – COORONG ADVENTURE CRUISE 6 hours

Pamphlets available from secretary

Or

DVD PLAYER

First drawn has the pick of the prize

2ND PRIZE – ESKY FULL OF GROCERYS

\$2.00 A TICKET

DRAWN AT JULY MEETING

THIS WILL REPLACE THE LUCKY SQUARE

GET TO KNOW A COMMITTEE MEMBER

I have been appointed your new treasurer. I certainly do not know everything about bookkeeping as the Gazette claims. However, I do work full time as a Bookkeeper/Practice Manager for Lee & Partners, Solicitors at Brighton, having been there since 1990. I have also acted as treasurer for kindergartens, school councils and the Richmond Clarence Park Cricket Club.

Apart from my job with Lee & Partners, I am the Finance Officer for the Air Force Cadets at Keswick where my husband, Rod is Aviation Officer. Many of you have already met Rod who is employed full time as a Royal Flying Doctor Pilot.

Rod and I met at school back in 1964 and have been married for 35 years. We have two sons, Guy, 24 who plays the trumpet for the Navy Band and Shane, 20 who is a Sprint Delivery Driver.

In about 1986 I joined the Port Augusta Orchid Club. I was captivated by the beautiful plants and my collection soon grew. Rod was then transferred to Alice Springs and naturally our kids, dogs, cats and orchids went with us. It was in Alice Springs that I learnt that orchids cannot tolerate bore water and we lost all of our collection!

We moved to Adelaide in 1990 but since then have been busy just being parents, and working in our spare time!

Now that the boys are older, we decided to join the South Coast Orchid Club to learn more about orchids. Not only are we learning heaps, we are making lots of new friends. We are overwhelmed that members are happy to impart their knowledge to help new growers. And we do consider ourselves very much to be "L-platers". We have particularly enjoyed the Beginner's Class.

Our few sad orchids lived in a dark, overcrowded spot. Then Rod generously bought me 18 of Rosalie Moore's orchids and we had no-where to put them! That started a back yard blitz that will take another six months or so to complete! Rod has built me a huge orchid house 8 metres x 4 metres and our orchids are at last beginning to flourish. We listen to what members tell us about growing orchids and then try to work out what is best for our orchids in our conditions. We are grateful to you all for sharing your secrets of success with us and invite you to visit us. I can usually be found working in the garden on a weekend.

My thanks to Paul Schmerl for taking the time to give me a computer lesson and setting up the spreadsheets to help make my job easier. I will endeavour to be a good treasurer and look forward to a long and happy association with the club.

Judy McRedmond

A profile on a long time member of our Club.

How's this for endurance? A lovely lady, Mrs. Joan Kelly who does an excellent job looking after her husband Ray, (sadly Ray's eye-sight is now failing) and also doing and has done lots of wonderful things to keep their married life happy and fulfilled.

Joan and Ray were married 64 years ago in Enfield Methodist Church, and celebration of the marriage being 26/4/41, that's a long time isn't it; they must be the oldest married couple in our club, quite an accomplishment, Congratulations to you both from us all. Joan and Ray have two married children, Pauline and Barry, seven grand children and eight Great grand children.

Ray Kelly was in the RSL until a few years ago, his time at the RSL must have been a very busy one, as at one stage he held three Officer Positions at one time, Joan has also been President and Treasurer of the Ladies Auxiliary and always on the committee until a few years ago.

Joan and Ray lived at Prospect early in their married life later on they moved down South, where they became members of the SCOC they joined at Morphett Vale when the club moved from Victor Harbor, Keith Northcote being president at the time, Ray stayed a few years but Joan continued her association with the club. Joan loves her Orchids owning around three hundred plants in total, she looks forward to winning the plant raffle at the Daytime Group as she knows she'll get another Orchid plant for her collection, Joan always buys extra raffle tickets for Ray even though he's not there, and she manages to look after all these plants herself.

Joan and Ray were great friends of Rosalie Moore (another great lady who loved her Orchids but she sadly is no longer with us) in the latter years Rosalie would bring Joan down with her in the car to the night-time meeting where Joan would help Peter Fenton sell raffle tickets and they certainly did a wonderful job. Geoff and Lucy now bring Joan down with them to the Daytime Group, Joan is a great cook often bringing in home made cakes when asked on special occasions.

Joan still drives herself around her local area shopping and so forth and she still loves and enjoys playing card games.

As you can see by all these activities Joan has kept herself busy getting involved in all sorts of things, helping out where she can, she certainly is an inspiration to us all, Congratulations and best wishes to you both, may you have a happy and peaceful life for many years to come.

DAYTIME CHAPTER

The Guest Speaker is Mr. John Robinson Speaking on Fertilising your Orchids. Another great afternoon, a warm day once again, was spent with a lovely group of people who all thought, as I did I'm sure, about our guest speaker, Mrs. Maureen Hazledine's great presentation of Paphlopedilums Orchids and the excellent job that she did, thank you so much Maureen and Graham for sharing your wealth and knowledge with us, it was much appreciated and I'm sure we all learned something. Maureen and Graham bought in some beautiful Paphs. Cattleya and a Colmanara, all in flower and such brilliant colours, wonderful to look at and admire. Apologies were put in for Ron and Irene Parish, Mrs. B Viney and Peter and Geraldine Flavel, hope to see you all again soon. Welcome back to Ron and Irene, we all hope you enjoyed your holiday, a break well deserved. We had nine plants benched this afternoon, Cat, Valentine Day in a couple of different shades, Miltonias and a Cym. Peter Pan 'Green Sleeves' all lovely big plants and well grown, Don Blebrick's Miltonia, Goodale Moor 'Golden Wonder' was voted most popular and Don was rewarded with a glass for his wonderful efforts. The meeting was closed after a very informal afternoon get-together, everyone enjoyed themselves as usual. And also a big thank you to Mr. Gordon Brooks for this months Raffle plants, this is much appreciated.

Bye Dorothy.

PLANT VISIT

Committee need to have booking and small deposit by May meeting so we can arrange a bus or car pools.

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 Zucher at Virginia Nickie has mixed Genera but is very well known for his Paphlopedilum.

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

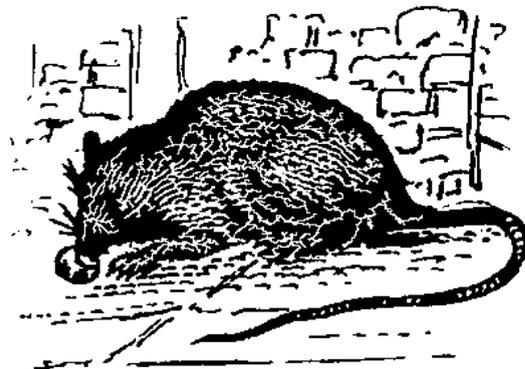
SPECIAL DEAL (save \$1.70)

2 Glasses & bottle of wine \$22.00



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THE DENDROBIUM RAT? by Brian Milligan



It's only a few years ago, after the local authorities in Melbourne decreed that all domestic cats should be safely locked indoors at night, that rats began to trouble my orchids. The first signs of their invasion. Usually in the depths of winter, were the tops of some Australian native Dendrobium canes lying on the path beneath the hanging plants. Inspection of the plants showed that the canes had been chewed through about half way along their length. Surprisingly, the rats ignored the juicy leafy section but gnawed the tougher basal section, sometimes until only the stump remained. I'm told that rat's teeth grow continually throughout life, and that they must therefore chew tough food materials on a regular basis to prevent their teeth becoming too long. This probably accounts for the rat's preference for the older, tougher Dendrobium canes.

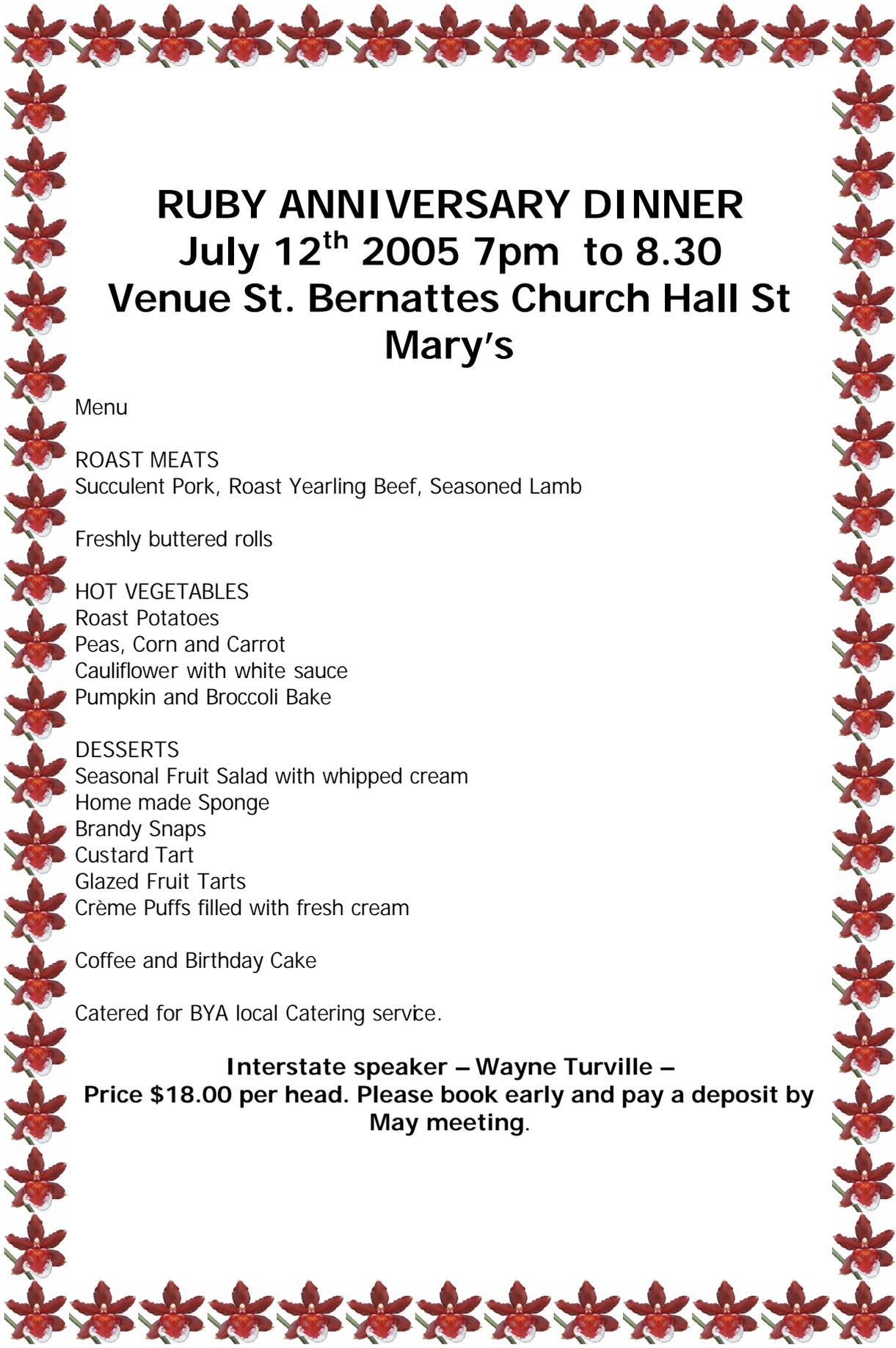
I've found the best way to eradicate rats is to provide them with poisoned rat bait. Although many different proprietary brands are available, I have used only Ratsak and Ratsak One-Shot - they did the job so I have not found it necessary to experiment with others. I placed the rat bait at the centre of a length of agricultural pipe with the aim of deterring our cat from eating the pellets, which vaguely resemble the cat 'nuts' we feed her. The pipes were then tied to the upper struts of the shade-house frame, in what I imagined were convenient access trails for the rats. For the first two nights, the bait remained untouched, presumably because it was tainted by my repulsive human odour! I assume that my BO had dissipated by then because all the bait disappeared on the third night, and continued to disappear as fast as I replaced it for a further three or four nights. Presumably all 'my' rats had died by then (or should I say 'passed on to better pastures?'). A month later, the uneaten bait still remains intact, and on past experience will remain untouched until next winter.

Unfortunately, the rats did not stop feeding on my orchids while they were eating the rat bait, and the tops of quite a few more Dendrobium canes fell to the floor during the five or six days it took for the poison to be consumed and take effect. Apart from the Australian native Dendrobium, the only other orchids to be eaten were the flower stems of some greenhood orchids, despite the availability of many other exotic orchids. Rats are sometimes maligned by the title 'lying rodents' but at least my 'Dendrobium' rats were patriotic rats with a strict preference for Aussie bush tucker!

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