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Den. Bardo Rose 'Pink Delight'
2004 Spring Show Champion

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Next Meeting WEDNESDAY 14th December 2005

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2005 PROGRAMME

December Whoop it up Christmas Celebration

BIRTHDAYS FOR DECEMBER

Graham Eakins
Kel Staples

Sarka Laznicka
Jan Tilbrook

Noel Oliver
Trevor Vogler

Happy Birthday to these members.



MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR



Next Committee Meeting:	V Speer	21st December 2005	7:30pm
Next Judges Meeting	K Gurney	19th December 2005	8:00pm
Next SA Regional Judging Panel Meeting:		12th December 2005	7:30pm

1st Floor Adelaide City Council Library Conference Room, 235 Hutt St Adelaide

PRESIDENT'S FORUM

I would like to thank the committee members for all of their efforts and support during the year and to you the members for your support to the shows and our social events. All of which were successful both in numbers and financially.

The committee has already planned events for 2006 and the show venues have been booked again for next year. The first being a visit to Villis Bakery on the 7th March 2006.

December meeting will be our Christmas / 40th anniversary dinner. Which should be a fun night for the members attending? Please bring along your **Party Mood** and a gift for the raffle to make the evening enjoyable.

Don't forget the early start. The hall will be open at 5pm to set up for the dinner which will be served starting at 6.30pm

On behalf of my wife Shirley & myself we extend to you and your family our best wishes for a merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

See you at the Dinner/Christmas Party on the 14th December

Peter

THIS MEETING.

**NOTE==14th December, the 2nd
Wednesday of the month.**

40th Anniversary Dinner == Dinner commences at 6.30 pm, but we need to set up the hall before this, so any help from members in this regard will be welcome. We should have access to the hall from about 5 pm.

For those who can't make the dinner, our usual December activities will start at about 8pm, when Aggregate points winners will be announced for all judging classes and Divisions, and our Perpetual Trophy winners

will be announced. We will have a Giant Raffle, and any donations members may like to supply would be most welcome.

Soft drinks, tea and coffee and nibbles will be supplied, as usual. **Please note that members will not need to supply any supper plate this year.**

LAST MEETING

Wednesday 16th November

Colin Jennings, accompanied by his wife Myrnie, gave us a talk last month which allowed us to see the standards to which the recently awarded plants have reached, and his photographs gave us some insight into what we need to achieve with our selections and culture to attain the coveted National awards. Colin speaks with authority on the subject of award quality blooms, as he is the National Registrar-General of the Australian Orchid Council. His insights and descriptions of some outstanding blooms in a range of genera showed us why it is important to keep upgrading the plants in our collections, noting that almost all were of recent crossings. We note too, that all of these awards were once raised as seedlings, so we should all keep track of the latest trends and standards of the new introductions.

Thank you Colin and Myrnie for giving our members your time and expertise to help keep our members informed of some of the latest and best orchids on the Australian scene.



Colm. Carmela

SUPPER ROSTER

No roster this month, but any help would be appreciated

LIFE MEMBERSHIP PROPOSALS

At the Annual General Meeting last month members were asked to vote on the recommendation from committee that both Alan and Iris Davies be made Life Members of our Society. It is with pleasure that we advise all members that both of the proposals were approved. We congratulate Alan and Iris, noting that life membership is not lightly bestowed, but is a reward and recognition of working for the benefit of the Society over many years. Congratulations from all members of the Orchidaceous Society.

KEL'S CORNER

With 125 plants benched at the meeting of the 16th November a nice array was on display for the last competitive meeting for 2005.

The Open section being very strong with nicely presented plants. *Cymbidium* Cricket belonging to Tony Bourne had 7 racemes and 1 to open with 30 - 40 3cm brown flowers with a deeper red/brown lip, all very pendulous. *Cym. Cricket* is *Cym. devonianum* X *madidum*, two species which make the lovely, free flowering *Cym. Cricket*

T. & D. Vogler benched a lovely strong growing *Blc. Magic Meadow* 'Napoleon'. The plant was in a 25cm pot with bark and foam, there was the one raceme of 4 very strong pale green flowers, the lip slightly splashed purple. The flowers were wide apart so that all could be viewed perfectly.

Wilsonara Comitan belonging to G. & C. Hime was growing in a 17cm pot, the plant had 3 racemes of 2 1/2 metres in length, although not upright, the flowers 5 - 7 cm were deep brown/red, the lip with some orange, nice flowers but not easy to transport.

Cattleya. gaskelliana was quite spectacular growing in a 30cm clay pot of a shallow type, there were 21 mauve flowers with a dark purple lip, a real specimen well presented by R. & B. Wilson. A species *cattleya* found in Venezuela, we can imagine the sight of a large specimen growing and flowering in the forks of trees in its natural jungle habitat.

On the First Division, A. M Sim benched *Blc* Mount. Sylvan 'Snow White', growing in a 20cm pot there were 8 old canes, 3 growing with 2 white, a little open in shape nice flowers, with some yellow in the flower labellum. There have been some excellent flowers from the 'Mount Sylvans'.

R. & L. Gunns' *Sarcochilus* Cherie was growing in a 15cm pot, there were 3 racemes the flowers white with heavy purple bars, a nice plant.

Miltonia Bel Royal belonging to C. & J. Tilbrook had 3 strikingly coloured flowers plus 3 buds which were white a heavy purple band on the lip, some yellow and fine purple on the mask, - not a lot of this type of orchid are seen, as it appears that our hot climate is not really suitable. The flowers on this plant were also large, indicative of good culture.

P. & V. Speer's *Blc* Adelaide Silver, a locally bred plant, was growing in a 12 cm pot and had 8 canes with one having 3 nice shaped deep pink 10cm flowers with a strong purple bar on the lip, a nice plant for any collection.

On the Second Division J. & R. Dunn had 2 interesting plants, one being *Cymbidium* Cricket. The plant was nicely flowered with the 15 racemes spread evenly around the pot, although not a big plant, nice, and well flowered and presented.

The other plant of a soft cane nobile type flower. The 17cm pot was filled and there were numerous light pink 5cm flowers, purple eye on each, petal tips were a light pink. The plant not named but nicely flowered, better than we usually encounter with these soft cane dendrobium types.

We are used to seeing Kevin Trevan's *Zygos*, but on this occasion Kevin benched a *Sarco. Fitzhart* (Pink Hart X Fitzgeraldii 'Lorraine'). The plant growing in a 12 1/2cm pot having 5 racemes with a nice white and purple centre. He did show a couple of outstanding seedling *zygo's* too, one of which came from our raffle prizes originally.

Overall each division had quality plants benched giving members the opportunity to admire them. Congratulations to all members who brought along their plants.

Good growing for next year and compliments of the season.

Kel Staples

Thank you, Kel. Your expert comments on a number of the most outstanding plants shown each month are appreciated by members, as is your column by our Editor.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Our financial returns from our Shows has helped us to a satisfactory financial position this year, and consequently no increase in subs for 2006 have been proposed.

Single membership is \$20 and Family membership is \$30. When you consider the costs involved with our meetings, magazine etc. we believe we still offer amongst the best value in the State for 12 monthly meetings, plus other social events, and of course, our shows.

Our Treasurer, Dawn will be pleased to accept your renewals.

AOC Regional Panel Judges' meeting

For judges' information, the venue for the 12th Dec. Regional Panel meeting has been altered to the **1st Floor Adelaide City Council Library Conference Room, 235 Hutt St City** at 7.30 pm.

Take along a plate of food and any drinks you might like to bring.

I am told by one of our judges (how does he know) that the venue is right next door to an 'Adult' establishment. Could it be that some judges might let their hair down for their final year's meeting, after much hard work and sober and earnest consideration throughout the year?

SOCIAL NEWS

I am advised that the trip planned to Vili's in March is fully filled. We should consider a

further excursion there later in the year, as it's proved to be in demand.

We are considering a number of other social excursions, so if you have any suggestions, let's hear them.

COMMITTEE POSITIONS for 2006.

As we expected, the new committee were elected with no changes from last year, and we thank those members for volunteering their time to help run the Society's affairs.

We are in process of filling all the additional jobs that need to be carried out.

Gwen Staples and Sylv. Bramley have indicated that they would like a spell from coordinating the 'Popular Vote' results each month. If anyone can help with this job, please let us know.

We thank these ladies for conscientiously carrying out these duties. The Popular Vote is an important part of assessing the many plants our members bring along, and Gwen and Sylvia's help has been very much appreciated.

POTTING INGREDIENTS

Over the years there have been many changes to the components of the potting mixtures we use to grow our orchids. These changes have usually been brought about by two factors, firstly, availability, when over time, perfectly suitable ingredients have become no longer available, and secondly, the increasing cost factor. I suspect, though, that even in the absence of both of these, people would be always making changes, seeking the perfect mix of ingredients to give them the show-winning advantage.

We could quote the greatly reduced, or eliminated, use of osmunda fibre, tan bark, rice husks, buzzer chips, and even charcoal. during the past 40 years.

Currently, the favourite ingredient is pine bark, but its increasing cost and sometimes unavailability of the sought after grade, has

widened the search for more cost effective substitutes.

At least one of our commercial growers is increasingly making use of perlite, which holds moisture, is inert, and does not break down, retaining aeration of the mix. Successfully used in hydroponics, its major drawback appears to be cost.

Another product, cocopeat, chopped up coconut husks, is now available in compressed blocks or bales and is being subject to trials by a number of prominent cymbidium growers, and I know Steven Monkhouse was successfully using cocopeat and perlite mix for his zygopetalums. There seems to be a number of suppliers of compressed cocopeat, and I am presently trying out Brunnings brand, available from Bunnings, which has about the right consistency. This one has fertiliser included which is a bonus.

Have any of our members tried out any of these and how are your plants progressing? The latest issue of the Aust. Orchid Review discusses some trials by prominent interstate cym growers, which are progressing favourably. A direct substitute for pine bark could help stabilise the ever increasing cost of pinebark due to export initiatives by the major suppliers.

FERTILIZERS

10kg buckets of the popular Sudden Impact fertiliser for Roses are available from Peter Speer again. It's a good time to fertilise roses now, and this product is good and the right price, too. Has anyone tried it on orchids?



V. Fuch's Delight 'Indigo Queen'



Cym. Cricket

We wish all our members, their families and friends, the Compliments of the Season, and look forward to a successful and fulfilling year for us all. In 2006

COMPETITION RESULTS NOVEMBER 2005

CYMBIDIUM OVER 90MM

Open Div		
1st	<i>Cym.</i> Tal Craig	A & M Phillips
Second Div		
1st	<i>Cym.</i> Unknown	B Bolt

CYMBIDIUM 60MM – 90MM

Open Div		
1st	<i>Cym.</i> Ruby Eyes '85'	A & M Phillips
Second Div		
1st	<i>Cym.</i> Breunor 'Kaylene'	K Trevan

CYMBIDIUM UNDER 60MM

Open Div		
1st	<i>Cym.</i> Phar Lap 'Geyslerland'	P & C Galpin
2nd	<i>Cym.</i> Cricket	T Bourne
3rd	<i>Cym.</i> Cricket 'Rosetta'	G & C Hime
First Div		
1st	<i>Cym.</i> Cricket	R & L Gunn
Second Div		
1st	<i>Cym.</i> Cricket	J & R Dunn
2nd	<i>Cym.</i> Strathan 'Enfiled'	S Hellawell

STANDARD CATTLEYA

Open Div		
1st	<i>Blc.</i> Magic Meadow 'Napoleon'	T & D Vogler
2nd	<i>Blc.</i> Dundas 'Tom's Pride'	K & G Staples
3rd	<i>C.</i> Vicki Andrews 'RTM'	K & G Staples
First Div		
1st	<i>Blc.</i> Mount Sylvan 'Snow White'	A & I Davies

NOVELTY CLUSTER CATTLEYA

Open Div		
1st	<i>Lc.</i> Trick or Treat 'Orange Princess'	K & G Staples
Second Div		
1st	<i>Lc.</i> Trick or Treat 'Orange Magic'	J & R Dunn

NOVELTY CATTLEYA

Open Div		
1st	<i>Lc.</i> Aussie Sunset 'Cosmic Fire'	R & B Wilson
2nd	<i>C.</i> Louise Georgiana	T Bourne
3rd	<i>Lc.</i> Interseps	T Bourne
First Div		
1st	<i>Blc.</i> Adelaide Silver	P & V Speer
2nd	Unknown	K & J Whibley
Second Div		
1st	<i>Lc.</i> Gold Digger 'Orchidglades Mandarin'	J & R Dunn

COCKTAIL CATTLEYA

Open Div		
1st	<i>Lc.</i> Casistas Spring x Love Knot	S & B Huddleston
2nd	<i>Pot.</i> Dal's Nugget	S & B Huddleston
3rd	<i>Slc.</i> Hazel Boyd 'Olivia'	K & G Staples

CATTLEYA & ALLIED GENERA

First Div		
1st	<i>Sfdra.</i> Orange Stardust 'Mayumi'	C & J Tilbrook

STANDARD PAPHIOPEDILUM

Open Div		
1st	<i>Paph.</i> Flinders Park	K & G Staples

NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUM

Open Div		
1st	<i>Paph.</i> Wossner Rothperle 'Gordon'	G & C Hime
2nd	<i>Paph.</i> Port Elliott	T Bourne
3rd	<i>Paph.</i> Encounter Bay	T Bourne

SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUM

Open Div		
1st	<i>Paph. primulinum</i>	D & J Higgs
2nd	<i>Paph. fowleii</i>	K & H Gurney
3rd	<i>Paph. haininense</i>	K & G Staples

SPECIES

Open Div		
1st	<i>C. gaskelliana</i>	R & B Wilson
2nd	<i>Disa uniflora</i>	D & J Higgs
First Div		
1st	<i>Den. nobile</i>	J & K Whibley
2nd	<i>L. anceps</i> 'Gaston Butel'	R & L Gunn

PHALAENOPSIS

Open Div		
1st	<i>Phal.</i> Hakalau Queen x Mushinai	P & C Galpin
First Div		
1st	<i>Phal.</i> (Schneewittchen x Hermosa) x Yukimai	C & J Tilbrook
2nd	<i>Phal.</i> Hermosa x White Cay	C & J Tilbrook
3rd	<i>Dpts.</i> Happy Valentine x <i>Phal.</i> Lucky Candy	C & J Tilbrook

NOVELTY PHALAENOPSIS

Open Div		
1st	<i>Phal.</i> Brother Jungle Cat x Brother Free Spirit	K & G Staples
2nd	<i>Dpts.</i> Scarlet O'Hara 'Tara'	P & C Galpin
3rd	<i>Phal.</i> Popcorn Ball	P & C Galpin

DENDROBIUM

Open Div		
1st	<i>Den.</i> Unknown	R & L Gunn
2nd	<i>Den.</i> Unknown	A & I Davies
3rd	<i>Den.</i> Adele Fortescue x Merlin-Flake	R & L Gunn
Second Div		
1st	<i>Den.</i> Unknown	J & R Dunn
2nd	<i>Den.</i> Yukidaruma x Utopia	J & R Dunn

AUSTRALIAN NATIVE EPIPHYTE HYBRID

Open Div		
1st	<i>Sarco.</i> Pinkhart x Empress	N Oliver
2nd	<i>Den.</i> Hilda Poxon	A & M Philips
3rd	<i>Sarco.</i> Melody	N Oliver
First Div		
1st	<i>Sarco.</i> Sweetheart 'Pink Lady'	B Knobben
2nd	<i>Sarco.</i> Heidi	R & L Gunn
3rd	<i>Sarco.</i> Melody	R & L Gunn
Second Div		
1st	<i>Sarco.</i> George Colthup	K Trevan
2nd	<i>Sarco.</i> Elegance	K Trevan
3rd	<i>Sarco.</i> Tinlinara	K Trevan

AUSTRALIAN NATIVE EPIPHYTE SPECIES

Open Div		
1st	<i>Cym. canaliculatum</i> 'Alice'	P & C Galpin
2nd	<i>Sacr. hartmannii</i>	N Oliver
First Div		
1st	<i>Sarco. hartmannii</i> 'Antarctic'	B Knobben
2nd	<i>Sarco. hartmannii</i>	R & L Gunn
3rd	<i>Sarco. fitzgeraldii</i>	R & L Gunn

AUSTRALIAN NATIVE TERRESTRIAL SPECIES

First Div		
1st	<i>Diuris drummondii</i>	R & L Gunn

MILTONIA/ONCIDIUM/ODONTOGLOSSUM

Open Div		
1st	<i>Colm. Carmela</i>	S & B Huddleston
2nd	<i>Onc. tigrinum</i> x <i>Oda.</i> Stirlana	G & C Hime
3rd	<i>Wills. Comitan</i>	G & C Hime
First Div		
1st	<i>Milt.</i> Bel Royal	C & J Tilbrook

MISCELLANEOUS

Open Div		
1st	<i>Masd. veitchiana</i> x <i>infracta</i>	T & D Vogler
2nd	<i>Disa</i> Flash fire 'No. 1'	G & C Hime
First Div		
1st	<i>V. Fuch's</i> Delight 'Indigo Queen'	C & J Tilbrook
2nd	<i>V. Bangkok</i> Blue x <i>Asda.</i> Peggy Foo	C & J Tilbrook
3rd	<i>Phrag.</i> <i>Schroderae</i>	M & S Steele

ZYGOPETALUM

Open Div		
1st	<i>Z. Dynamite</i>	A & M Phillips
First Div		
1st	<i>Stmk.</i> Adelaide	A & I Davies
Second Div		
1st	<i>Z. Dynamite</i> x Adelaide Meadows	K Trevan
2nd	<i>Z. Blanchetown</i> x <i>Wdwa.</i> Beverley Lou	K Trevan
3rd	<i>Z. Dynamite</i> x Adelaide Meadows	K Trevan

SEEDLING

Open Div.		
1st	<i>Phal.</i> Hakalau Queen x Mushinai	P & C Galpin
2nd	<i>Cym.</i> Dean Roesler x Fair Comet	P & C Galpin
3rd	<i>Phal.</i> Golden Sun x Brother Spotta	T & D Vogler
First Div		
1st	<i>Stmk.</i> Adelaide	A & I Davies
Second Div		
1st	<i>Z. Titanic</i> x <i>Zgx.</i> Kiwi	K Trevan
2nd	<i>Z. Blanchetown</i> x <i>Wdwa.</i> Beverley Lou	K Trevan
3rd	<i>Z. Dynamite</i> x Adelaide Meadows	K Trevan

POPULAR VOTE

Open Div		
1st	<i>C. gaskelliana</i>	R & B Wilson
2nd	<i>Blc.</i> Magic Meadow 'Napoleon'	T & D Vogler
3rd	<i>Colm. Carmela</i>	S & B Huddleston
First Div		
1st	<i>Sarco. hartmannii</i> 'Antarctic'	B Knobben
2nd	<i>Milt.</i> Bel Royal	C & J Tilbrook
3rd	<i>V. Bangkok</i> Blue x <i>Asda.</i> Peggy Foo	C & J Tilbrook

Second Div		
1st	<i>Cym.</i> Cricket	J & R Dunn
2nd	<i>Den.</i> Unknown	J & R Dunn
3rd	<i>Lc.</i> Trick or Treat 'Orange Magic'	J & R Dunn

BEST IN DIVISION

Open Div

Colm. Carmela
grown by **S & B Huddleston**

First Div

***V. Fuch's* Delight 'Indigo Queen'**
grown by **C & J Tilbrook**

Second Div

Cym Cricket
grown by **J & R Dunn**

REGISTRATIONS

Paph. Personnella x Colonist = *Paph.* Rosewater
Paph. Rosewater x
Winston Churchill = *Paph.* Flinders Park
Phal. Deventiana x Stuartiana = *Phal.* Popcorn Ball
Phal Dawn Hunter x
Georgiana Remaly = *Phal.* White Cay
Phal. Lucky Pink x
Carmela's Stripe = *Phal.* Lucky Candy
Sarco. Fitzhart x Pinkhart = *Sarco.* Hearty
Sarco. Hearty x *fitzgeraldii* = *Sarco.* Elegance
Milt. Hannover x Red Knight = *Milt.* Bel Royal