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*Cirropetalum rothschildianum* 2005 Autumn Show Champion

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# 2006 PROGRAMME

February	B Bates	Native Orchids
March	M Bourchier	Fertilizers
April	L Gunn	Orchids in Costa Rica
May	M Osborne	Mini Cymbidiums
June	Kel Staples & Trevor Jacob	AOC Presentation Cattleyas
July	K Gurney	Natives in the Wild
August	B Knobben	Cymbidium Culture
September	A Davies	Shows & Presentation
October	Rob McNamee	Non Australian Dendrobiums
November	G Abell	Sarcochilus
December	Whoop it up Christmas Celebration	on

# **BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY**

Robert Gunn	Rob McNamee	Dawn Vogler
Carmen Walker-Galpin	Beryl Wilson	-

Happy Birthday to these members.

Next Committee Meeting:	Pulteney Grammar School	22nd February 2006	8:00pm	
Next Judges Meeting	Pulteney Grammar School	4th April 2006	8:00pm	
Next SA Regional Judging Panel Meeting:20th March2006			7:30pm	
1st Floor Adelaide City Council Library Conference Room, 235 Hutt St Adelaide				

### PRESIDENT'S FORUM

I trust that you found the talk and slide presentation by our Register Deane Johnston interesting on the year 2005 plant winners. It was good to see the plants in review again but I also enjoyed the talk wherein Deane pointed out various items that judges look for in the judging of our plants. This information is always helpful I feel when we prepare our plants for the show bench or what to look for when updating our collections.

As indicated, Shirley & I will be absent from the February meeting as the fish are calling us. Trevor Jacob or Alan Davis will chair the meeting which I know will be another good social night for you the members.

To the members who are going to Villis on the 7<sup>th</sup> March have a great time? The committee are looking into and making enquiries re other social events during the year

See you all at the March meeting.

Peter

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### SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please note that. Subscriptions for 2006 are now due. Single membership is \$20, and joint membership is \$30 per annum.

# THIS MEETING

#### Wednesday 15th February

Don't get caught short like I did with the Review. The 1st of the month was a Wednesday. Our meeting is on the 15th. Isn't it nice to know that Father Christmas arrives in Adelaide for the Pageant in less than 10 months time!

As the habitat of our native orchids becomes more and more under threat, it becomes increasingly important that we understand and pass on as much information as we can about our local orchid heritage. We could have none better than Mr Bob Bates, Life Member and current President of the Native Orchid Society, to talk to us this meeting. Mr. Bates is an acknowledged expert in the field of our local native orchids, and has published a number of papers and books on the subject, so it will be a meeting for all to enjoy and learn. All the favourite items will be operating, even the air conditioning, we hope.

# POPULAR VOTE PROCEDURES

Two of our Life Members, Frank and Nancy Neighbour have volunteered to supervise the Popular Vote procedures at our meetings.

Here's how it works. Get a ticket from Frank or Nancy, select one plant which you like in each of the Open, First, and Second Divs. Write down the exhibitor's number in the spaces provided, print your name on the back of the ticket (this puts you in the running for a prize drawn each month) and put your selection in the box provided. The votes are then tallied for each Div. and determines the Popular Vote winners.

# VALE

Our sincere and deep condolences are extended to Mavis and Alwin Phillips on the passing of their dear son, Rodney, recently. The thoughts of our members are with you both.

SUPPER ROSTER D Vogler & B Huddleston

### **DECEMBER MEETING NOTES**

Those pesky gremlins got at the formatting last month of the preliminary notes about our December Anniversary Dinner and Christmas Social meeting. The evening was a great success, with the relaxed and informal format appreciated by the over 100 members and friends attending.

Alan Davies kindly provided a review of the evening (as printed in last month's magazine), but there are a couple of comments I would like to add.

Firstly, regarding the plaques presented to the three foundation and Life Members still with us, I know they were very much appreciated, and the recipients would like to thank the Society very much for the gesture. I have found out that they were provided through the initiative of one of our other life members, Kevin Gurney, to whom we send a big personal vote of appreciation.

Our Christmas Raffle was once again a big feature, and we thank members who donated the many gifts and prizes. We should make special mention of the generosity of The Good Guys store at 1181 Main North Rd. Pooraka (Mr Bruce Cutler) who provided major gifts for the Raffle.

I must reiterate also, Alan Davies' comments last month about the Anniversary cake made and exquisitely iced by Shirley French. It was almost sacrilege to cut it, but it did taste terrific, Shirley, and we all thank you for your efforts.

Thank you for your write-up, Alan. It was much appreciated



#### Enc. cordigera

### **KEL'S CORNER**

The year 2006 started off nicely for the First and Open Divisions on the 18th January, but for the Second Division, nothing! The first time for years, I think, that nothing was benched, so we will look forward for better at future meetings.

There were 47 plants benched on the Open section, all of good quality. *Cattleya leopoldii* belonging to R. & B. Wilson was growing in a 20cm pot, there were 5 long strong canes one having a head of 7 brown heavily spotted dark brown, with characteristic isthmus shaped purple lips, a striking and well grown species.

Oncidium Golden Anniversary `Emmas' grown by S. & B. Huddleston looked very nice with many yellow flowers, with nice brown markings on the sepals and petals. The flowers were near 4cm in size on a long 1 1/2 metre raceme.

Tony Bourne's *Enc. cordigera* was growing in a 15cm pot and had 4 racemes of pale brown flowers with a pale lemon labellum. Unfortunately they flower during the hot months and often are finished by the January meeting. The influence of this easily grown species was seen in a number pf other plants benched.

A fine selection of slipper orchids were also on display, - seems that they are again becoming more popular.

On the First Division there were only 17 plants benched but were of a wide variety.

*Brassia verrucosa*, a species presented by P. & V. Speer, was growing in a 17cm pot with part of the plant outside of the pot, possibly another pot could be attached to the outside and the plant could be established during the warm weather. There was one raceme with 9 pale yellow spider-like flowers. They looked attractive.

M. & M. Page had a nice Miltonidium Pupukea `Sunset' X Colm. Spathenanthe growing in a 10cm pot. The flowers were about 4cm in size of brown red and white; the four racemes were about 30/35cm long. I thought it was a very attractive plant. Kevin Trevan usually only presents various zygopetalums, but this time he had a number of Promenaes each different with yellow/brown spotted lips and 4-5cm flowers, long lasting, the plants seem to need to be kept moist at all times.

All over a nice selection of flowering plants in the 2 divisions and congratulations to all exhibitors.

### SHOWS DURING 2006

The first show which we as a Society will be involved with this year is the annual SAROC Fair, where all financial affiliated clubs and societies throughout the Region get together for a weekend of orchid fun, and this year it will be on **June 9th and 10th (the long weekend) at the Walkerville YMCA**, as in past years.

The weekend show arranged as our **Autumn Show over the 8th and 9th July** at the Klemzig Band Hall, 7 O. G. Rd. Klemzig has now been confirmed and booked. We will be able to have floor and individual display areas, potting demonstrations and afternoon teas. Please plan to take part in the activities to make the show a success, both socially and as a floral display.

Winter Show 6th to 13th August at Stocklands Shopping Centre, Salisbury. Centre management liked our displays last year, and now we know better where the displays are to be set up, I'm sure we can make it an even better success this time.

**Spring Show 24th to 30th September** at Burnside Village Shopping Centre. - Our traditional Spring Show looked forward to by the shoppers at Burnside. As it's a week later we may see a variation in the varieties of cyms - in years gone by, the last week in Sept. was considered to be the peak of the show cymbidium season.

The dates for our shows this year are a little different from those traditionally held in the past, and have been moved to cater for exhibitors intending to attend the Australian Orchid Conference in Port Macquarie, and to try to assist members who may have commitments in other club's shows.

# SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Some members have suggested it's about time we had another Society dinner, this time in the evening so that people who are busy during the days can attend. The venue where we have held our smorgasbord lunches previously now no longer has smorgasbord meals, so we are looking further a field. The Walkers Arms has been suggested, which is centrally located at Collinswood and from reports has good value cuisine, so we're investigating there.

# **HOORAY FOR COMPUTERS**

My copy of Orchids Australia has just arrived and I was looking at all the new hybrids on the Orchid Registration pages. I must admit that with all the new intergeneric breeding taking place, I was at a loss to know what these new crosses could possibly look like, or even what the parents were (as they are listed only as the abbreviations of the genera involved)

All of these are in just one issue of Orchids Australia, so it's no wonder I say hooray for computers, where we can look up the names and parents of the crossings. Judges are supposed to keep abreast of all the new orchids and trends. I say good luck to them if your computer battery goes flat, you're in trouble, pal.

Just a little warning if I happen to be judging your plants, If you've got some of these fancy new names on the labels, you'd better be prepared with an answer when I ask you to explain what all those words mean.

A sample, if you've got your headache tablets handy, is the genus **Yithoeara** How Yee Peng which is a crossing of **Vwga**. Cloud Nine x **Prra**. Luke Thai. O.K. then, how about a **Waiyengara**, which is a crossing of **WIra**. x **Rnctm**., or perhaps a **Vandewegheara**, which is a **Dtps**. x **Ascda**. (I think I could just about visualise one of these). Or, to make something hard which once was easy, how about a **Zelenkocidium**, a crossing of what we once knew as oncidiums, but because our brilliant taxonomists split the genus, one parent is now a **Zed**. and the other a **Tolu**.

The very newest intergeneric crossings are listed with their constituent genera written out

in full, our example here being the newly registered genus **Dixuanara** which in its background has **Aerides x Ascocentrum x Arachnis x Paraphalaenopsis x Rhynchostylis x Vanda.** The poor plant must be so mixed up it's a wonder it ever managed to flower.

### **ORCHID AWARDS**

Still on the content of the new Orchid Review, it's nice to see the colour pictures of the awarded orchids listed there. Of special interest was the listing of Noel Oliver's *Den. speciosum*, which received an award for culture last year, with 95 sprays of blooms in an old washing machine tub. Just between us, many of our judges thought it was even better the previous year, when it received a Society award. If Noel talks to his orchids, as some people suggest, he must have done some darn fine talking over the last couple of years.



Brassia verrucosa

### JUDGING PANEL APPOINTMENTS

Our judging panel has made some changes for 2006, two new appointments and three promotions.

Firstly, congratulations to Lesley Gunn, Jane Higgs and Don Higgs who have been promoted from our reserve panel to the full panel of our society. These three AOC qualified judges have been committed members of our reserve panel of judges for several years's and due to vacancies on the full panel have now been able to join this group of judges.

Also congratulations to Ian Attenborough and Peter Galpin newly appointed AOC judges and members of our society. Both of these judges have accepted our offer to join the reserve panel. These two judges will be assisting our judges at monthly meetings and shows. A special welcome to Ian and Peter to our reserve panel and hoping you enjoy your judging with our society. I know members will make you feel welcome.

Deane R B Johnston Registrar of Judges.



Phal. Michael Crocker x Brother Nugget

#### **COMPETITION RESULTS JANUARY 2006**

#### STANDARD CATTLEYA

#### Open Div Pot. Noriko Kawamura R & B Wilson 1st 2nd C. Hawaiian Wedding Song 'Virgin' K & G Staples **NOVELTY CATTLEYA** Open Div Pot. Portage Glacier 'Sunset' R & B Wilson 1st Lc. Maris Song 2nd S & B Huddleston Lc. Interceps 3rd T Bourne First Div 1st Lc. Interceps A & M Sim COCKTAIL CATTLEYA Open Div Blc. Guess What R & B Wilson 1st **CATTLEYA & ALLIED GENERA** Open Div Ctna. Capri 'Lea' S & B Huddleston 1st NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUM Open Div Paph. Dellophyllum 'Stardust' K & G Staples 1st Paph. Woomera K & G Staples 2nd 3rd Paph. Ethel K & H Gurney SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUM Open Div Paph. primulinum G & C Hime 1st Paph. primulinum D & j Higgs 2nd Paph. chamberlainianum K & H Gurney 3rd

#### SPECIES

2nd 3rd First [ 1st 2nd	Enc. cordigera Onc. spachelatum C. leopoldii	T Bourne G & L Spear R & B Wilson P & V Speer P & V Speer A & I Davies		
NOVE	ELTY PHALAENOPSIS			
	Div Dtps. Serdang Phal. Michael Crocker x Brother Nugget	G & C Hime N Oliver		
DEND	ROBIUM			
Open 1st 2nd	Den. Fire Coral	G & C Hime T & D Vogler		
AUSTRALAIN NATIVE HYBRID				
Open Div1stSarco. Towoomba Sparkle 'Coconut Ice'N Oliver2ndSarco. Blue KnobG & L Spear3rdDen. MekongG & C Hime				
MILTO	ONIA/ONCIDIUM/ODONTOGLOSSUM			

Open	Div	
1st	Onc. Golden Anniversary 'Emas'	S & B Huddleston
2nd	Onc. Sharry Baby	P & C Galpin
3rd	Onc. Unknown	T & D Vogleriv
First I	Div	
1st	Mtdm. Pupukea Sunset	
	x Colm. Spathenanthe	M & M Page

#### MISCELANEOUS

Ope	en Div	
1st	Aerides Korat Koki	T & D Vogler
2nc	Ascda. Yip Sum Wah	
	x V. Bitz's Heartthrob	R & B Wilson
3rd	Prom. Goldspeck	G & C Hime
Firs	t Div	
1st	Enc. Bees Knees	P& V Speer
2nc	l <i>Lyc.</i> Groganii	L & R Gunn
3rd	Prom. Firefly x Crawshayana	K Trevan

#### SEEDLING

Open	Div.	
1st	Phal. Michael Crocker x Brother Nug	get N Oliver
2nd	Paph. chamberlainianum	K & H Gurney
3rd	Paph. carnusianum	T Bourned
First [	Div	
1st	Prom. Firefly x crawshayana	K Trevan
2nd	Prom. Burgundy Fire	K Trevan
3rd	Prom. Florafest Gold 'Norm'	K Trevan

#### ZYGOPETALUM

1st	Z. Betty Velda	K Trevan
2nd	(Pbt. Alan x Chdrh. discolor)	
	x <i>Zga.</i> Dynamo	K Trevan

#### POPULAR VOTE

Open	Div			
1st	Onc. Golden Anniversary 'Emas' S & B Huddleston			
2nd	Ascda. Yip Sum Wah			
	x V. Bitz's Heartthrob	R & B Wilson		
3rd	Den. Fire Coral	G & C Hime		
First D	Div			
1st	Mtdm. Pupukea Sunset			
	x Colm. Spathenanthe	M & M Page		
2nd	Lc. Interceps	A & M Sim		
3rd	(Pdt. Alan x Chdrh. discolor)			
	x <i>Zga.</i> Dynamo	K Trevan		

#### **BEST IN DIVISION**

### **Open Division**

# Enc. cordigera

grown by	T Bourne
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#### **First Division**

#### Brassia verrucosa

grown by	Ρ	&	V	Speer
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# **Registrar's Choice**

# Enc. cordigera

grown by	T Bourne
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#### PLANT REGISTRATIONS

<i>Pot.</i> Hisako Akutsuha x <i>C.</i> Erin Kobayash	Pot. Noriko Kawamura
Blc. Waikiki Gold x Trick or treat	Blc. Guess What
Dtps. Lee Soo Keow x Dor. pulcher	rima Dtps. Serdang
Den Molly Dunne x Aussie Victory	Den. Mekong
Prom. xanthina x Norman Gaunt	Prom. Goldspeck
Prom. Colmaine x stapeloides	Prom. Burgundy Fire
Lyc. aromatica x deppei	<i>Lyc.</i> Groganii