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Onc. Sweet Sugar 2007 Winter Show Champion

July 2008 meeting to be held on the THIRD Wednesday of the Month, at the Adelaide West Uniting Church Hall
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Next Meeting WEDNESDAY August 20th

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2008 PROGRAMME

August Meeting Wednesday 20th August.

South Australians have been to the forefront of scientific orchid propagation, right from the time when our own Rex Thompson mastered the techniques of meristem proliferation of orchids back in the pioneering days of the mid-1960's, to the seed raising and cloning services offered by a number of very professional orchid propagators now operating here.

Amongst them, Pauline's Laboratory Service has been in the forefront, offering all aspects of tissue culture service from the early days when she worked for Syd. Monkhouse at Adelaide Orchids, and she and husband Kevin have served well many prominent SA orchid growers with their cymbidium production over the years.

We are to hear about producing seedlings from Kevin at this month's meeting. It will be an eye opener for those of us who haven't yet found out about how new orchids are raised. Don't miss it.

BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST.

Happy birthday to all our members who were born in August. Come along next meeting to be in the draw for a small prize..

James Argent	Murray Baulderstone	Tony E	Bourne	Shirley Brand
Alan Davies	Miles Harper	Coralie Hime	Harold	Luckhurst
Una Seidel	Garry Simcock	Val Speer	Jan Whibley	Bill Young

Bill Young. Jan Whibley Garry Simcock

SUPPER ROSTER

Members who have volunteered to help prepare our supper this month are:-

Betty Huddleston, Ruth Creedy, and Heather McDonald.

Thank you, members.

Next Committee Meeting:	Pulteney Grammar School	25 th August2008	7:30 pm
Next Judges Meeting	Pulteney Grammar School	24 th November 2008	7.30 pm
Next SA Regional Judging Panel Meeting:		13 th October 2008	7:30pm

Pulteney Grammar School South Tce. Adelaide

PRESIDENT"S PIECE

Well, the OG Road, Klemzig Show is over and I am happy to be able to say that it was a success, although not as good as last year, even with all the other activities on that same weekend (including the football!!).

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way.

The Parabanks Shopping Centre Show is coming up in a couple of weeks, so I hope that you are all grooming your orchids so that we can put on a good display for the Centre and the Public. If you have anything in flower, even if you don't think that it is worthy of a prize, bring it along. Remember that all orchids brought for the display and also for sale must be in show bench condition - this means that the orchids must be cleaned up, free from dead leaves or leaf tips (even on back bulbs) and also free from any bugs. Staking needs to be watched with no stakes higher than the orchid stem and a minimum of ties - none on ovaries or pedicels (the little stem that goes to the flower from the main inflorescence or stem).

Once again, the names on the roster are extremely light on, so please try to give a little bit of your time the week of the show. You, the members, are the Club and it is only as good as you make it. I look forward to seeing you all at the Show - and let's make it another good one!!

Jane.

LAST MEETING

Mr Doug. Bickerton from the Dept.of Environment & Heritage gave us a clear understanding of the effects of changes in the local climate, and the impact on the flora, including orchids in our State. It brings home the necessity for us all to work towards reduction of the factors which conspire to leave us with a drier climate with all its unfortunate effect on the plants in our environment.. Not a pleasant prospect, but one of which we must all be aware if we are to leave a positive heritage for our children.

SUPPER ROSTER; --- Jan and Kevin Whibley assisted in the kitchen to bring us our cuppa at the conclusion of the last meeting. Jan excelled by providing us with some delicious small cakes, which we all enjoyed

Flowers on the benches continue to improve in number and quality as the season progresses. It was great to see the increasing number of 2nd. Div plants, and we hope this translates to strong support at our Winter Show.

THIS MEETING

Wednesday 20th August.

Mr Kevin McLean, in partnership with wife, Pauline, have served our State's orchid growers for many years in producing many, many seedlings and clones of high quality orchids for us to anticipate, grow and enjoy. Pauline started working for Adelaide orchids on their flasking requirements many years ago, and they successfully run Pauline's Laboratory Service, specialising in cym. mericloning and seed flasking.

Kevin will talk to us this meeting about flasking, which will be of interest to all orchid growers.

Plant benching will continue to improve in quantity and quality as the season progresses, and we look forward to seeing your plants on show, as this gives other members a chance to see what we're growing and how well.

We'll know, too, who won the prizes at our Winter Show at Parabanks, and which orchids were successful.

If you want some tips on growing zygopetalums, Kevin Trevan, who grows and shows them very successfully, will be on hand at 7.30 pm to answer any queries you may have on their culture.

AN UNWELCOME MIGRANT.

Mr Doug Bickerton's talk reminded me about me discovering the South African orchid, *Disa bracteata*, formerly known as *Monademia bracteata* at my brother's property at Mylor. I had previously wondered what the fuss was all about over an orchid which has found its way into our environment. Trouble was, it's making its appearance in plague proportions, and I found it growing and flowering all over the hillsides. It has lots of tiny little flowers on green stems the size of a thick fountain pen, and apparently sets seed like crazy. What effect it will have on the habitat of our native species I haven't determined, but the way it proliferates, it sure looks like trouble.



Disa bracteata

OUR AUTUMN SHOW.

Our mid-year show at Klemzig proved to be very successful, not so much in the number of visitors attending, but in the quality of exhibits, and the opportunity it gave members to come along in a relaxing situation and enjoy each other's company and the orchid displays.

Grand Champion Orchid was *Paphiopedilum rothschildianum*, shown by Johnston Orchids, beautifully grown as we come to expect from the Johnston stable.

Reserve Champion, also from Open Div. was *GsI* Adelaide Ablaze `Fiery Gold' a specimen sized plant shown by Richard & Beryl Wilson.

First Div. Champion was Kevin Trevan's *Srts.* Toowoomba Sparkle `Coconut Ice', which looked like a Sarcochilus on steroids.

Second Div. Champion was newer member, Eileen Pinnock's Cym Gowling Gem `Snow Queen' with a soaring spike of white, intermediate sized blooms.

Prizes were well spread around, and copies of the full results will be available at the front table this meeting.

The photography sections were well supported, and Anton Drew's large format mounted pictures of orchids made eyecatching exhibits. Thanks to all who submitted photographs – it adds an extra dimension for visitors to look at and admire.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

OUR WINTER SHOW Sunday 10th August to Saturday 16th August

Stocklands Parabanks Shopping Centre at Salisbury.

We are arranging for the Centre to be open at 8am so we can set up and get judging done before the public arrive at normal Sunday trading times.

Don't forget your plants for the trading table. Sheets for you to write down your sales plants and their prices will be available on Sunday morning, if you haven't got them organised yet. Your support with sales plants helps keep our subs. down to a reasonable level.

SPRING SHOW Sunday 21st September to Saturday 27th September

Burnside Shopping Centre Portrush Rd. Burnside

The National Cymbidium. Show will be held in S.A. this year, on August 23rd and 24th. – and will be spectacular .At Noarlunga Leisure Centre, (near Colonnades Shopping Centre).at David Witton Drive, Noarlunga Centre.

This will be a show for all lovers of cymbidiums, where many of the latest hybrids will be on display. Don't miss it if you want to see the latest and best.

Remember our previous Port River Dolphin Cruise lunch, when everyone had such a good time, and very reasonably priced, too?. Well, we're going to repeat it this year, with the target date of **19**th **October** set down. I'll have more details later, but it's a very rewarding and fun way to spend a Sunday outing, so keep the date in mind.

MORE JUDGING MATTERS.

The judging panel has selected, and the Committee has ratified, the appointment of Don Higgs as Registrar of Judges, and of Lesley Gunn as Assistant- Registrar. We thank them for taking on these important jobs. Judging of our orchids gives us an indication of the quality of plants we are showing, and some idea of the standards of culture being achieved by our growers. Our panel has the highest number of accredited and active AOC judges of all clubs in South Australia, which says something of the dedication, expertise, and involvement of each member of our panel.

KEL'S CORNER.

On the 16th July it was interesting to see the number of quality cymbidiums on the Open Section. Most would have flowered in June and the quality was exceptional for the early flowering, perhaps the Spring flowering cultivars may be worth waiting for.

On the Open Section a 10cm pot of *Acianthus pusillus* belonging to Don and Jane Higgs was worth a close look at. Each 2cm leaf at soil level followed by each leaf with the 7 to 8cm high raceme of mosquito like flowers of a brown shape, very well grown and flowered.

Alwyn and Mavis Phillips' *Cattleya* Barbara Kirsch was growing in a 25cm pot carrying 7 racemes of pale pink with a deeper labellum colour and about 5cm in size, the potting mix was bark, a nice display.

Ben Knobben's plant of *Cym* Ripe Cherry 'Dazzle' was growing in a 30cm pot with 3 racemes averaging 11 deep pink flowers with a yellow labellum, edged a deep red. A nice flowering.

Cymbidium Paarl Pearl 'Sandra' belonging to Sandra and John Nicholls was growing in a 20cm pot, there were 2 open spikes, the flowers pink with the lip spotted a dark red, a shapely and desirable early cym.

An eye-catching cattleya was *Lc.* Shelley Compton 'Touch of Class' with the contrasting lip a dark purple against the pure white segments of the rest of the flower. There were 3 racemes and 4 flowers belonging to Richard and Beryl Wilson.

On the First Division Brian and Shirley Brands' *Cym*. Pharaoh's Gold 'X Dolly had 3 racemes of about 10 flowers on each raceme growing in a 20cm pot. The flowers were a pale yellow with a few pale yellow spots on the lip, making a small contrast.

Cym. Aussie Rules belonging to Murray and Margaret Page was growing in a 17cm pot with 3 back bulbs, 3 growths and 3 spikes. There were 7 bright deep red/brown flowers, a nice flowering.

Kevin Trevan's seedling of *Fisherara* Jill Fisher was growing in a 15 cm pot with 2 racemes of 4 and 3 respectively flowers of a pale green with dark green blotches over the petals and a sepals, the lip heavily coloured pink/purple, good potential.

Pot. Burrana Beauty 'Burrana' belonging to Iris and Alan Davies was growing in a 15cm squat pot with 2 racemes of 3 and 2 yellow

flowers each with pale orange stripes on the petals and lips.

On the Second Division the plant numbers had increased which was nice to see. Sarka Laznicka's plant of *Osm. pulchellum* 'Kindred' was growing in a small 7 ½ cm pot with 1 raceme of pure white flowers and 2 buds to open, a lovely white.

Cym. Ruby Eyes belonging to Anton Drew was growing in a 20cm pot with 2 open racemes and 1 in bud. A brown intermediate with 1 spike with 16 flowers and a few on the others.

Slc. Cherry Suisse had 1 nice red flower, the plant, belonging to Pat and John Carmen, may soon need some repotting and dividing as it is well over the pot edges.

Again as the day lengths improve there should be a good flowering of quality cymbidiums for the Spring Shows.

Thank you to all members who brought flowers to make a nice display. It is always a pleasure to admire the many different types benched.

Good growing.

Kel Staples.

CHEERIO

We send our best wishes to Merv. Steele who has been in hospital lately. Just when he is celebrating his 85th birthday, too. Our congratulations for your birthday, and very best wishes go out to you, Merv.

Colin Grigg, too, has been in hospital for a serious operation, and we wish Colin our very best wishes, as well.

And a memo to Kel and Gwen Staples too, to let you know we all are thinking of you.

NEW ACQUISITION

Committee has approved the purchase, and we have obtained a new scanner to go with our lap top computer and projector. This will enable us to transfer our considerable collection of colour slides of show winners and outstanding plants, gathered over many years, to digital format so they can be shown

via our digital projector. We have already started this job, thanks to Alan Davies.

I can envisage a future service, whereby we can transfer members' orchid slides to the digital format so they can enjoy the convenience of the latest photo technology.

Don't forget we have the means of looking up recent crossings of all genera via our lap-top computer which I bring to each meeting, so if you have a crossing you want checked, see Trevor Jacob before the meetings start.

The programme lists all the latest name changes which the taxonomists have thrust on us, too.

NAME CHANGES IN THE CATTLEYA ALLIANCE

Which brings me to a paper submitted at the Miami World Orchid Conference regarding nomenclature, and changing orchid names, which Richard Wilson has researched and supplied, with no little glee, I suspect, for our judges to ponder on.

At the meeting of the International Orchid Commission it was proposed thay the Brazilian laelias be moved into the Cattleya genus. This proposal was well received and the proposal has been forwarded to the Royal Horticultural Society (the hybrid registration authority) for consideration. The proposer, C van der Berg (a taxonomic `lumper') has followed up with a further paper proposing Laelinae genera that all Rhyncholaelia, Guarianthe (the old Brazilian bifoliate cattleya group), and the Mexican laelias, into Cattleya' This means that Laelia tenebrosa and others should be treated as varieties of Laelia purpurata, which under the changes proposed, will become Cattleya purpurata.

The proposal will have further major considerations for hybrid nomenclature, and we should stay tuned for future decisions. It is suggested that you don't use permanent markers for your labels.

CYM CLUB's WINTER SHOW

I was fortunate to be invited to judge at the Cym Club's Winter Show recently, And I thought you may like to share photos of a couple of outstanding exhibits. Grand Champion was Graham Morris's intermediate sized Pure Sarah – a very large plant.



Cym Pure Sarah

Best large sized cym was Moss Bray's *Cym* Blazing Fury, a heavy textured solid mahogany red



Cym. Blazing Fury.



Gsl Adelaide Ablaze `Fiery Gold'



Paph villosum



C. bowringiana x Lc milleri



Cyms. on display



Sc Ovation `Richard'



John Dunn check's 'em out.





Standard paph Open Div.





Pot. Burrana Beauty `Burrana'



COMPETITION RESULTS July 2008

CYMBIDIUM over 90 mm		NOVELTY CATTLEYA		SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUM	
Open Div 1st Cym. Lancashire Khan `Evie' 2 nd Ripe Cherry `Dazzle' 3 rd Paarl Perle `Sandra' First Div 1 st Cronulla `The Khan' 2 nd Yurla x Vanguard 3 rd Rembrandt `Masterpiece'	J & S Nicholls Ben Knobben J & S Nicholls P & V Speer p & V Speer M & M Page	Open Div 1st Slc Precious Jewel x Lc Trick or Treat First Div 1st Cattlianthe Elephant Drops CLUSTER CATTLEYA	K & G Staples A & I Davies	Open Div 1st Paph villosum 2nd Paph leucochilum 3 rd Paph charlesworthii First Div. 1 st Paph insigne var Sanderae SPECIES	A Bourne K & G Staples A Bourne M & M Page
CYMBIDIUM 60-90 mm	m a m r ago	First Div 1st C Portia `Mel'	P & V Speer	Open Div 1st <i>Phrag lindleyanum</i> First Div	D & J Higgs
Open Div. 1st Cym. Sylvan Star x Peggy Foo 2nd Cym. Ruby Valley `Hooley Dooley" 3rd Cym Alice Elise `Royale' First Div.	J & S Nichols B Kobben J & S Nicholls	NOVELTY CLUSTER CATTLEYAS Open Div. 1st Gsl Adelaide Ablaze `Fiery Gold' 2nd Sc Jewel Magic x Kauai Starbright	R & B Wilson R & B Wilson	1st Onc. ornithorhynchum 2nd Laelia anceps Second Div. 1st Osm. Pulchellum	M & M Page A & I Davies S Laznicka
1st Cym. Aussie Rules 2 nd Pharaoh's Gold x Dolly	M & M Page B & S Brand	3 rd Scarlet Imp `Paradise Second Div.	k & G Staples' P & J Carmen	AUST NATIVE EPIPHYTE HYBRID	3 Lazilicka
CYMBIDIUM under 60mm Open Div		1st C bowringiana x Lc milleri COCKTAIL CATTLEYAS First Div.	P & J Carmen	Open Div 1st Den Avril's Gold 2nd Den. Autumn Sunset x Rutherford S Phillips	A Bourne starburst A & M
1st Cym. Pipeta `Cecil Park' 2nd Cym. Dean's Ruby 3rd Cym. Morialta `Morialta Falls' First Div.	J & S Nicholls B Knobben A & M Phillips	1 st Pot Burana Beauty `Burana' Second Div. 1 st Slc Cherry Suisse	A & I Davies P & J Carman	First Div 1st <i>Den</i> Troppo's Splendour 2nd <i>Den</i> Pinterry x Hilda Poxon	A & I Davies A & I Davies
1 st Sarah Lin 2 nd Billion Dollar Baby	A & I Davies A & I Davies	STANDARD PAPHIOPEDILUMS Open Div		AUST NATIVE TERRESTRIAL HYBRID	
Second Div 1st Cym. Gareth `Latangor' 2nd Cym. Ruby Eyes 3 rd pumilum x Kurun`	A Drew A. Drew S Hellawell	1st Paph. Jan Giles 2nd Paph. Charlie's Girl NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUM	K & G Staples A Bourne	Open Div 1st <i>Ptst</i> Nodding Grace 2 nd Joseph Arthur	L & R Gunn L & R Gunn
STANDARD CATTLEYA		Open Div	14.0.00	AUST NATIVE TERRESTRIAL SPECIES Open Div	D. 0. 1111
Open Div 1st Sc Ovation 'Richard' 2 nd Sc Shellie Compton `Touch of Class' 3 rd Rsc Orglade's Julie	R & B Wilson R & B Wilson R & B Wilson	1st Paph. Envy Green	K & G Staples	1st Acianthus pusillus 2 nd Diuris conspicillata 3 rd Acianthus exertus First Div. 1 st Ptst cullina 2 nd Ptst curta 3 rd Ptst curta	D & J Higgs L & R Gunn D & J Higgs P & V Speer K Trevan K Trevan

MILTONIA/ONCIDIUM/ODONTOGLOSSUM

First Div					
1st	Onc Sweet Sugar `Emperor'	M & M Page			
2nd	Onc Aloha Iwanaga	A & I Davies			
3rd	Bllra Sadie Loo x Milt. Christmas Eve	A & I Davies			
Second Div					
1 st	Tolumnia Esmer? `Mida'	A Drew			
2 nd	Tolumnia Irene Gleeson `Snowfire'	A Drew			
MISCELLANEOUS					

Open Div.

1st Phrag Eric Young D & J Higgs First Div.

st Sartylis Toowoomba Sparkle K Trevan

SEEDLING

Open Div.

Z Conway's Choice hyb.	A Bourne
??	D & J Higgs
Rsc Orglades Julie	R & B Wilson
Div	
Fisherara Bill Fisher	K Trevan
Cym Pharaoh's Gold x Dolly	B & S Brand
	?? Rsc Orglades Julie Div <i>Fisherara</i> Bill Fisher

ZYGOPETALUM

Oper	n Div	
1st	Z Conway's Choice x	A Bourne
First	Div	
1st	Zga Clare Fishe `Zena'	K Trevan
2nd	Z Advance Australia	K Trevan
3rd	Fisherara Bill Fisher `Zenia'	K Trevan

POPULAR VOTE

Open	Div	
1st	Sc Ovation 'Richard'	R & B Wilson`
2nd	Cym. Lancashire Khan `Evie`	J & S Nicholls
3rd	Cym Bilyara `Classic	G & L Spear
First	Div	
1st	Srts Towoomba Sparkle	K Trevan
2nd	Z. Clare Fisher	J & K Whibley
3rd	Cym. Pharaoh's Gold x Dolly	B & S Brand
Seco	nd Div	
1st	Tolumnia Ester Ora `Aida'	A Drew

2nd *C bowringiana x Lc milleri* 3rd *Osm. pulchellum*

P & J Carman S Laznicka

BEST IN DIVISION

Open Division

Gsl Adelaide Ablaze `Fiery Gold' Shown by Richard & Beryl Wilson

First Division

Onc Sweet Sugar `Emperor' Shown by Murray & Margaret Page

Second Division

C bowringiana x Lc milleri Shown by Patricia & John Carman

REGISTRAR'S CHOICE

Gsl Adelaide Ablaze `Fiery Gold' Shown by Richard & Beryl Wilson





Thanks to Rob & Leslie Gunn for the Autumn Show Display Photos.