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***Onc. Sweet Sugar* 2008 Winter Show Champion**

July 2008 meeting to be held on the THIRD Wednesday of the Month, at the
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Next Meeting WEDNESDAY July 16th

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2008 PROGRAMME

July Meeting 16th July

Something different for us to see and hear this meeting. We have all heard about the dire changes being wrought upon us by the continuing drought in SA and the effects of global warming upon our flora and fauna, to say nothing of the changes to our own lifestyle. Well, we are bringing you a talk by Mr. Doug Bickerton of the Dept. of Environment and Heritage about threatened species of fauna and flora (including local orchids) brought about by our activities and changing weather patterns,

His talk will provide much for us to reflect upon and suggest perhaps what we must do to preserve our children's heritage..

BIRTHDAYS FOR JULY

Happy birthday to all our members who were born in July. If there are any new members not on the following list who have birthdays in July, please let our Secretary know at the next meeting so you, too, can be included in the monthly birthday draw for a small prize.

Ian Attenborough Robyn Dunn Nan Grigg Trevor Jacob Alwyn Phillips
Barb Semmens Suzanne Simpson Merv. Steele

SUPPER ROSTER

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

Jan and Kevin Whibley

Thank you, members.

Next Committee Meeting:	Pulteney Grammar School	21st July 2008	7:30 pm
Next Judges Meeting	Pulteney Grammar School	2008	8:00pm
Next SA Regional Judging Panel Meeting:		2008	7:30pm
	Pulteney Grammar School South Tce. Adelaide		

PRESIDENT’S PIECE

It was really good to see plants on the trading table at the last meeting and equally as good to see members buying them - let's keep this up as it helps to add extra interest to the meetings.

Thanks to Nancy for speaking up about the lack of response to the roster sheet for OG Road. However, apart from Committee members there are very few names on it still. With this show, which is only for the weekend, people are needed to man the door/raffle, the trading table and to help in the kitchen. If you can't manage a two hour stint, even an hour of your time would help.

Also, perhaps members are not aware, that for the shows at the Shopping centres, someone has to be in attendance from 6am until 9pm every day and it shouldn't be left up to 1 or 2 people all the time. Remember that this is your club and it needs everyone's participation to keep it running smoothly, not just the faithful few.

I look forward to seeing you all at the OG Road ,Klemzig show and the next meeting.

Jane.

LAST MEETING

We had a most interesting talk and demonstration from Brenton Natt of Cobb & Co. Horticultural Products at last month's meeting. I'm sure all members who visit them at Unit 5/28 Maxwell Rd. Para Hills West will receive good value for any horticultural purchases. Mention our Society.

Thank you, Brenton – your breezy style of presentation added an extra dimension to the informative talk you gave us.

An improved range and variety of orchids was on show last month, and we expect it to get even better as the season progresses. Thanks to all who brought in plants for us to admire.

SUPPER ROSTER; --- Margaret Jacob and Val Speer were rostered to help prepare our cuppa at the conclusion of last meeting. Val

made special chocolate biscuits for us to enjoy – (see more about this further on.)

Thank you, ladies

It was good to see a number of flowering orchids on the trading table last month – excellent value, too. Check this out each month. The Society gets a percentage, members get to sell their duplicated plants, and other members get to expand their collections. Plants for sale are priced by the sellers themselves, and should be well established in the pots. Jan and Kevin Whibley are the usual convenors – let's keep them busy.

THIS MEETING

Wednesday 16th July.

Mr. Doug Bickerton, of the Dept. of Environment and Heritage will talk to us this month about local endangered species of animals and plants, including orchids, which are under threat as their environment changes due to climate stress.

More specifically about orchids, John Nicholls will lead a cymbidium forum in the foyer at 7.30 before the meeting officially starts. Here's your chance to have your questions answered.

Jan and Kevin Whibley have volunteered to help set out our cuppa at the conclusion of this month's meeting. We thank these always willing and helpful members.

NEW MEMBERS

We've been a little tardy in acknowledging a number of new members' names in our Review lately. If members see an unfamiliar face amongst our members at a meeting, please introduce yourself, or let a committee person now, so that anyone new can be introduced to the things that happen at our meetings.

We welcome the following new members, and trust that your association with our Society will be informative and socially rewarding. Good luck with growing your

orchid plants. The list includes Rod Semmens, Eileen Pinnock, Suzanne Simpson, Quynh Vo, Tham le Hong, Allan Jeffries, and James Argent.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

The big item coming up in the immediate future is our so-called 'Autumn Show', held over the weekend of **12th and 13th July at the Klemzig Community (or Band) Hall at 7 O.G. Rd. Klemzig.** Normally held weeks earlier, a double booking by the Council forced us to select this week-end., but a benefit should be that more cymbidiums should be in bloom. Our normal Autumn Show schedule will apply, but the judges have the option, subject to Committee ratification, of expanding the schedule for any specific outstanding group. This is in contrast to the categories for plants at our monthly meetings, which are always set and firm before the year's aggregate competition begins in January.

Exhibitors please note that the hall will be available from 7.30 on the Sat. morning for set-up. Enter from northern doorway entrance.

The show is open to the public at 12 noon, and judging must be completed by then, so do try to get plants for exhibition or sale in early. There's usually a rush by the public to check out the plants for sale and stocks are normally depleted by Sat. evening, so there's opportunity for more sales on the Sunday. Last year we had some lovely cyclamen in bloom for sale from one of our commercial suppliers, so other plants, ferns etc. are also welcome and in demand.

Don't forget to display your photos. Categories are 1. Single orchid bloom 2. Multiple orchid blooms or plant. 3 General gardening or horticultural interest

We will be staging a table featuring orchid arts and crafts similar to last year's. Bring along suitable items for the interest of visitors.

Please don't forget that we will be operating morning and afternoon teas for visitors. Some members have already pledged scones, jam etc. but we'll still need to have

people to serve it and prepare cups of tea, etc. Thank you to those who indicated their willingness to help on the list last meeting, but any additional help by others would still be gratefully accepted

Members, even if you have no plants to display, why not bring along friends or family to view the displays. It's your opportunity to chat with others in a relaxed and friendly environment, and all who have been involved in earlier shows, either showing or helping, can recommend the experience.

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

Stocklands Parabanks Shopping Centre at Salisbury.

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 19th 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.

At our last general meeting, Kevin Gurney advised that, like Deane Johnston, he was

standing down from his executive and administration role on the judging panel.

Kevin has been an accredited AOC judge for many years, and for many of those he has been official Minute recorder on our panel.

Whenever Deane Johnston was away, Kevin, as Deputy-Registrar, would expertly carry out those duties of Registrar, both at general meetings, shows and regular judging meetings.

We owe Kevin a large vote of thanks for his dedication, expertise and assistance over the years, and we trust that Kevin, like Deane, will continue to provide his knowledge and expertise through the judging of our shows and meetings for a long time to come

KEL'S CORNER.

As we now have passed the shortest day of the year, gradually with more daylight time, we an increasing number of cym. on the benches as we move towards the shows. On the 18th June the Open Div. benches saw some fine plants on display. Richard and Beryl Wilson 's *Pot. Rhinegold* 'Ta Tung' was an eyecatching plant, 9 canes in a 25 cm pot with 3 and 2 flowers, yellow, edged pink and purple lips. Each lip had two yellow eyes. – an unusual colour combination causing one to take several looks. The same owners also benched the species *Cattleya maxima*. The strong 15 bulb plant had one open raceme of 3 strong pink flowers some 10 cm in size. The blooms hung their heads, but that is the nature of this attractive species. The plant had two more racemes to come. The lips were showy and notable with strong purple striping.



Cattleya maxima

Les Burgess showed a well grown and flowered *Laelia anceps* 'Chamberlain's' growing strongly in a 25 cm pot. The plant had 9 racemes, most with two blooms and one with three. The flower stems were almost 1 metre long – a showy and well presented plant.



Les Burgess's *Laelia anceps* – Registrar's Choice

Sandra and John Nicholls had some very nice species cymbidiums, *erythraum*, a really nice *traceyanum*, and the white *erythrostylum*, which has forward falling petals but the wide segments have contributed greatly to early white breeding in cym. hybrids.

Noel Oliver benched a good *Phragmipedium* Schroederae in a 15 cm pot, a strong 5 growth plant with one raceme with a cream and pink well presented bloom with several more buds to follow on the same raceme.

On First Div. John and Robyn Dunn showed a fine native hybrid *Den. Victorian Bride* 'Genesis' with 8 or so growths. Three racemes, one with 9 pink, heavily overlaid purple stripes and deep purple lips.- a nice flower. Kevin Trevan had *Sartylis* Toowoomba Sparkle, a strong plant with vandal like growth habit. Lot's of old previous spikes were evident on close inspection, and this flowering had one raceme of 18 white, glistening 3 cm blooms with pink lips on a straight spike, and more buds still to open.

Peter and Val Speer had an early *Cym. Tracey* Reddaway 'Summer Ice' with one raceme of pale lime blooms, the white lips with pale red/pink edges.

The Second Div. also had some early cym. Sheila Hellowell had two with the smaller sized flowers. Sarka Laznicka showed *Cym. Katydid* 'Veridian' in a 25 cm pot with 6 nicely presented racemes, the blooms pale yellow in colour and attractive.

A good display in each judging Division, the attractive plants and blooms make it interesting for other members to see. Congratulations to all exhibitors. Don't forget to bring your plants along to the Autumn Show – They can all be displayed in the Composite exhibits if you haven't enough out to have an individual display.

Good growing..

Kel Staples.

LAST MEETING's BISCUITS

Did you try Val Speer's biscuits at the end of last month's meeting. They were yummy and set me thinking.

I've been trying for years to coerce, cajole, and plead for orchid articles for our monthly Review, and I recalled how recipes and cooking shows on TV are very much in favour with our ladies, so I've decided that we'll have recipes in place of all the articles I haven't received, so you've only yourselves to blame.

Val's recipe is called 'hedgehog', for what reason we'll never know. It wasn't prickly or even spicy, and for those who didn't try it at the meeting, it was squares of chocolate biscuit.

The recipe must be old, 'cos it's in the old cooking measures. You'll need 4oz. butter, 4 oz. sugar, 2 level tablespoons of cocoa, 1 level tablespoonful of coconut, 1 beaten egg, ¾ cup chopped walnuts, and up to ½ cup of crushed biscuits (Marie or Milk Coffee).

Here's what you do. -- Combine butter, sugar, cocoa, and coconut in a small saucepan. Cook for 2 mins. and then cool (don't burn it, like someone I know did). Here's the messy bit –Add beaten egg, walnuts and enough of the biscuit to make a pliable mixture. Press into a shallow tin. Put in frig. to set and then slice into squares. Keep it away from hungry husbands, or tell him it's got raw eggs in it

That'll put him off. Still tastes very nice, though.

Thanks for the recipe, Val.

CHEERIO

Best wishes to Shirley Brand, who is now home from hospital and on the mend, and a big hello to Gwen Staples who is continuing to improve.

PLANT TONICS.

Orchid growers with plants growing in pine bark have been hearing lately about the benefits of giving some fertiliser containing calcium to supplement more usual fertilisers which may be somewhat deficient in calcium, (an essential plant growth chemical). Green fingered pot plant growers have known for a long time that watering their pot plants with the water in which eggs have been boiled can add essential minerals to their pots. Sounds like a good idea for your favourite orchid, too, and conserves water as well.

Epsom salts as a fertiliser. Magnesium sulphate can add magnesium and sulphur for your plants' benefit. I remember years ago reading about Henry Boyd, a respected Sydney grower and hybridist, extolling the benefit of giving your cym. a dose of Epsom Salts (a couple of teaspoonsful to a bucket of water). This apparently stimulated the production of chloroplasts in the leaves, made them darker green, and helped the plant assimilate sunlight easier, hence better growth.. Epsom salts has long been mooted by gardeners for sprinkling around camellias, azaleas, and gardenias once a month to reduce bud drop and assist flowers to open. Other uses claimed by gardeners as being beneficial include - watering over citrus, daphne bushes and lemon trees. Any yellowing leaves soon green up. Also claimed is a boost for blooming daylilies, blueing up hydrangea blossoms, and as well a sprinkle around maidenhair ferns is also supposed to be beneficial. Usual strength recommended is about a dessertspoonful to a 10 litre bucket.

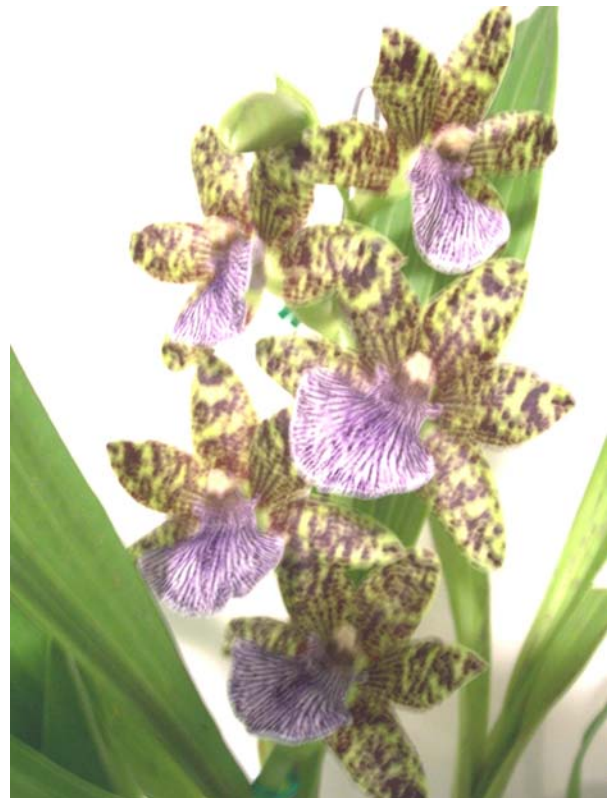
Now I've heard how iron chelates can help green up orchid leaves, specially where iron

deficiency has occurred through the pH of the potting mix being too high, so I was particularly taken by a suggestion from one grower to try **1 teaspoonful of Epsom salts, 1 teaspoonful of iron chelates powder, 1 teaspoon of seaweed extract concentrate, all mixed in a bucket of rainwater**, and sprayed over foliage or watered in to your pots of orchids.

It sounds like it could be a good brew to try on your green flowered cymbs in an effort to improve the colour. (but shading buds from direct sunlight and keeping your plants away from cold night temperatures is still the best advice for keeping green cymbs. green)

Just wondering though, have you ever seen the TV news where the police raid a property where cannabis has been found growing, and seen the quality of the plants?? They usually look extremely healthy, and because I can't believe that cannabis growers know more about growing plants than lots of our hobby growers, I think they must be using some pretty sophisticated fertilisers to promote such healthy leaves.

On reflection, though, I think I'll just stick to my normal growing habits, -- a bit of fertiliser when I can find time to get around to it.



Zygopabstia Kiwi 'Rippa' in Open Div.



B/c George King 'Serendipity'



Our SAROC Display 2008



Sartylis Toowoomba Sparkle

COMPETITION RESULTS June 2008

CYMBIDIUM over 90 mm

Open Div
1st *Cym. Lancashire Khan* x Early King J & S Nicholls

CYMBIDIUM 60-90 mm

Open Div.
1st *Cym. Katy's Gold* `Medal' B Knobben
2nd *Cym. (Margaret Thatcher* x Mini Splash) J & S Nicholls
x Tracey Reddaway
3rd *Cym. Runaway* `Rehn' J & S Nicholls
First Div.

1st *Cym. Tracey Reddaway* `Summer Ice' P & V Speer
Second Div

1st *Cym. Showgirl* S Hellawell
2nd *Cym. Bold as Brass* x Peter Pan S Hellawell

CYMBIDIUM under 60mm

Open Div
1st *Cym. Elegant Elf* `Nan' B Knobben
2nd *Cym. Peggy Foo* x xTom Thumb J & S Nicholls
3rd *Cym. Summer Clouds* x Olympic Pen G & C Hime
Second Div
1st *Cym. Katydid* `Veridian' S. Laznicka
2nd *Cym. Morialta* `Morialta Falls' B Bolt

STANDARD CATTLEYA

Open Div
1st *Blc George King* `Serendipity' R & B Wilson
2nd *Blc California Girl* `Orchid Library' R & B Wilson
3rd *Sc Ovation* `Richard' R & B Wilson

NOVELTY CATTLEYA

Open Div
1st *Slc Precious Jewel* K & G Staples
x *Lc Trick or Treat*
2nd *Slc Highland Bauble* K & G Staples
First Div
1st *Cattlianthe* Elephant Drops A & I Davies
2nd *C. intermedia* x *C. walkeriana* K Trevan

CLUSTER CATTLEYA

Open Div
1st *C Portia* var *coerulea* R & B Wilson

NOVELTY CLUSTER CATTLEYAS

Open Div.
1st *C. Barbara Kirsch* A & M Phillips
First Div.
1st *Slc Golden Wax* M & M Page

STANDARD PAPHIOPEDILUMS

Open Div
1st *Paph. Charlie's Girl* A Bourne
2nd *Paph. Tommy Hanes* green hybrid K & G Staples

NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUM

Open Div
1st *Paph. Envy Green* K & G Staples
2nd *Paph. Crossianum* A Bourne
3rd *Paph. Justa Doll* A Bourne

SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUM

Open Div
1st *Paph wardii* K & G Staples
2nd *Paph insigne* A Bourne
3rd *Paph leucochilum* K & G Staples

SPECIES

Open Div
1st *Laelia anceps* `Chamberlain's' L Burgess
2nd *Cym traceyanum* J & S Nicholls
3rd *Cattleya maxima* R & B Wilson
First Div
1st *Laelia anceps* `Chamberlain's' J & R Dunn
2nd *Z crinitum* P & V Speer
3rd *Laelia anceps* P & V Speer

AUST NATIVE EPIPHYTE HYBRID

Open Div
1st *Den Memoria* Lillian Warren N Oliver
2nd *Den. Ocker's Dream* N Oliver
First Div
1st *Den Victorian Pride* `Genesis' J & R Dunn
2nd *Den ??* J & R Dunn
3rd *Schaeffer's Glory* `Dark Joy' J & R Dunn

AUST NATIVE TERRESTRIAL HYBRID

Open Div
1st *Ptst Toveyana* D & J Higgs

AUST NATIVE TERRESTRIAL SPECIES

Oen Div
1st *Acianthus exertus* D & J Higgs

MILTONIA/ONCIDIUM/ODONTOGLOSSUM

Open Div
1st -----
2nd *Odcdm Bittersweet* `Shooting Star' R & B Wilson
3rd *Odcdm Bittersweet* `Shooting Star' R & B Wilson
First Div
1st *Bllra Marfitch* `Howard's Dream' A & I Davies
2nd *Onc Honey Surprise* M & M Page
3rd *Oda Wildcat* `Carmela' M & M Page

MISCELLANEOUS

Open Div.
1st *Phrag Schroederae* N Oliver
First Div.
1st *Sartylis Toowoomba Sparkle* K Trevan

SEEDLING

Open Div.
1st *Cym Lanc. Khan* x Early King J & S Nicholls
2nd *Paph insigne* x *Caraibe* A Bourne
3rd *Cym Peggy Foo* x *Tom Thumb* J & S Nicholls

First Div

1st	<i>Zga</i> Adelaide Meadows	K Trevan
2nd	Z Artur Elle hyb	K Trevan
3rd	<i>Cym</i> Tracey Reddaway `Summer Ice`	P & V Speer

ZYGOPETALUM

Open Div

1st	<i>Zygopabstia</i> Kiwi `Rippa`	R & B Wilson
2nd	Z Kiwi Choice `Highclere`	G & C Hime

First Div

1st	<i>Zga</i> Nova	K Trevan
2nd	Z Advance Australia	K Trevan
3rd	<i>Fisherara</i> Mellow Sandra	K Trevan

POPULAR VOTE

Open Div

1st	<i>Laelia anceps</i> `Chamberlain's`	L Burgess
2nd	<i>Cym.</i> Katy's Gold `Medal`	B Knobben
3rd	Sc Ovation `Richard`	R & B Wilson

First Div

1st	<i>Laelia anceps</i> `Chamberlain's`	J & R Dunn
2nd	<i>Onc</i> Honey Surprise	M & M Page
3rd		

Second Div

1st	<i>Cym</i> Katydid `Veridian`	S Laznicka
2nd	<i>Cym</i> Morialta `Morialta Falls`	B Bolt
3rd		

BEST IN DIVISION

Open Division

***Laelia anceps* `Chamberlain's`
shown by Les Burgess**

First Division

***Sartylis Toowoomba Sparkle*
shown by Kevin Trevan**

Second Division

***Cym.* Katydid `Veridian` shown by
Sarka Laznicka.**

REGISTRAR'S CHOICE

***Laelia anceps* `Chamberlain's`
shown by Les Burgess**



Our SAROC display.



R & L Gunn's *Zga* Iron Knob Best in our Display.



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