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K & J Staples' *Paph. villosum* Autumn Show Champion 2007

May 2008 meeting to be held on the **THIRD** Wednesday of the Month, at the Adelaide West  
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**Next Meeting WEDNESDAY June 18th 2008.**

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**2008 PROGRAMME**

**June 18<sup>th</sup> 2008.**

**BRENTON NATT of Cobb & Co. Horticultural Products.**

Brenton Natt's company had a stand at the recent SAROC Fair at Pulteney Grammar School. They have an extensive range of all types of horticultural products, and from talking to him at the Fair, I know Brenton loves to discuss his products with any gardening folk. Situated at Para Hills West near Parafield Airport,, their prices are very competitive Don't miss it!

**BIRTHDAYS FOR June**

Happy Birthday to these members . The stork sure gets busy in June.!.

Brian Brand    Lena Brombal    Les Burgess    John Carman    Peter Galpin  
 Gordon Hime    Ben Knobben    John Lampard    Margaret Page  
 Pauline Rankin    Colin Tilbrook    Rob. Worden.

**SUPPER ROSTER**

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

**Val Speer and Margaret Jacob.**

Thank you, ladies.

<b>Next Committee Meeting:</b>	Pulteney Grammar School	23rd June 2008	7:30 pm
<b>Next Judges Meeting</b>	Pulteney Grammar School	2008	8:00pm
<b>Next SA Regional Judging Panel Meeting:</b>		16 <sup>th</sup> June 2008	7:30pm
	Pulteney Grammar School South Tce. Adelaide		

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Well, the SAROC Fair will be over by the time you read this, and, hopefully it will have been as big a success as usual - the next item on the agenda is the show at O.G. Road, so keep those orchids and foliage plants looking good!!

There is something that I would like to bring to your attention - and that is our meeting entrance foyer activities. There are 'learning more about orchids, for beginners or others' forums held before the monthly meetings, (most months) starting at 7.30pm, where orchid growers of note share their knowledge. These are good for anyone wanting to know more about orchids from the 'specialists' and to date have not been very well attended.

The other foyer item is the trading table - The Whibleys are good enough to give their time each month to man this table and so we need to patronise it. More orchids and orchid related goods are needed to sell and, of course, members to buy them! This all adds interest to the club meetings and is another small way of raising funds for the club.

I look forward to seeing you all at the June meeting.

Jane.

## **LAST MEETING**

Last meeting Colin and Myrnie Jennings took us on a tour with them to the recent World Orchid Conference in Florida to view the exhibits.. Colin's knowledge of the species orchids helped him identify and photograph many of these gems at the Conference Show for our enjoyment.

His involvement with the judging gave Colin inside knowledge of the quality, numbers and location of many lovely orchids at this massive WOC Show, which we was able to share with him through his photography.

Thank you, Colin and Myrnie, for sharing your experiences with us last month.

## **THIS MEETING**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June.**

I was advised by the Committee that Brenton Natt of Cobb & Co was going to be guest speaker at our June meeting, and I thought "Who's Brenton Nash?" Now I know, as I met Brenton at the recent SAROC Fair.

Boy, is he enthusiastic about his wares. His demonstration of magic gardening gloves is a wonder to behold.

Cobb & Co. are a family owned business selling all sorts of horticultural supplies, fertilisers, fungicides, tools, pots etc at competitive prices. To hear about their range, and discounts, you'll need to come along this meeting.

Our usual features will be presented, and we are expecting to see more and more lovely orchids tabled as the season unwinds.

## **CHEERIO**

Our best wishes to Shirley Brand this month, - we hope to see you along to our meetings soon, Shirley

A big cheerio to any others on the sick list, too. We hope you are soon well, again.

Members, please let me know if you of anyone on the sick list

## **SOCIAL NEWS**

The SAROC Fair was the highlight of recent orchiding activities, and it proved an excellent weekend both from the orchids on display in the various Clubs' exhibits, and from the social interaction amongst all the orchid people present.

Our Society can be particularly pleased with our contribution, from the beautifully finished large display of orchids in a woodlands setting, to the excellent variety and quality of the canteen products and services so ably organised and run by Iris Davies and her multitude of helpers.

Quality and originality of all our country clubs exhibits is improving each year, and together with sterling efforts from the city clubs, provided a floral spectacle of which we can all be proud.

Lots of visitors, both local and interstate made renewing of orchid acquaintances so much more enjoyable, and the Saturday evening dinner was a standout from the social interaction viewpoint.

The commercial vendors all seemed to be doing well, and the participation of a knowledgeable interstate vendor and workshop speaker added a further dimension to the Fair's success..

## JUDGING MATTERS.

Firstly, we need to announce that our Judging Registrar, Deane Johnston has relinquished his post as Registrar after a stint of sixteen and a half years of service to our Society, and he was assistant-registrar for 10 years before then. We have had only three registrars in the history of our Society, firstly Trevor Jacob, then Kel Staples, and then Deane. Over that time our judging panel has developed into an effective and cohesive group, and we currently have the largest assembly of accredited Aust. Orchid Council judges of any orchid club in our State, who are in demand both locally and interstate.

Deane's leadership has contributed in no small measure to the efficient running of our panel at shows and monthly meetings. Thank you for your contribution to the progress of our Society over the years, Deane.

We have not lost his services entirely, as Deane will continue as a member of our judging panel, and should be available for a more active role in judging at our shows (except for judging white standard cymbidiums, I hope- Ed.) -

Secondly, I hear on the grapevine that a further official review of the cattleya alliance genera groupings is being mooted. That will come as a welcome move to old judges like me who find that the continual rearrangement of names is a questionably onerous burden.

## KEL'S CORNER

The meeting of the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2008 was well supplied with a number of interesting orchids as well as some of the Cattleya alliance with altered names, which of course has been going for some time now. In future, growers may have to alter their Cattleya labels, although we will be sticking to the old terminology in our Review at the present time.

On the Open Section Sandra and John Nicholls' cymbidium *Elegant Elf* 'Nan' was growing in a 25cm pot. There were 6 spikes averaging 12 flowers each and near 7cm in size. The white lip spotted red was attractive. This was a seedling originally grown and flowered by our own Colin Grigg.

Sandra and John also had *Cymbidium erythrostyllum* var '*magnificum*', growing in a 25cm pot having 4 spikes 1 not fully opened, the petal fold over the labellum. However, the white flower segments are wide and this species was used in early breeding programmes to help segment improvements and for the early flowering habit.

*C. Bactia* 'Grapewax' an older hybrid belonging to Richard and Beryl Wilson was growing in a 18cm pot, having 2 spikes up to 8 bright purple 7cm flowers, always attractive.

Stewart and Betty Huddlestons' *Lc. Moochie* was growing in a 18cm pot which the plant had filled, there were 3 racemes each with 2 flowers about 15cm in size and really a nice purple colour. The owners also had a plant of *Bc. Ivy Williams* growing in a 18cm pot. There were 6 flowers, pink with typical Brassavola type lips, pink with spots, nice.

There were also several pots of Australian natives benched one belonging to Don and Jane Higgs was *Ptst. truncata*, the pot nicely filled with plants, only 2 fully opened flowers, low down in the pot, green and brown striped .like many of our native *Pterostylis* orchids.

On the First Division Alan and Iris Davies *Macln Pagan Love Song* 'High life' was growing in a 20cm pot with 4 growths and 4 back bulbs. The flowers yellow with brown spots.

Kevin Trevan's *Zga.* Adelaide Meadows 'Braeburn' X self was a small plant with 3 back bulbs and 1 growth, there were 3 lime green sepals and petals with some brown spots, a white labellum, purple stripes heavy near the centre. A flower on a bigger plant may be of real quality.

*Cymbidium dayanum* belonging to Peter and Val Speer was growing in a 18cm pot with 4 spikes averaging 11 flowers, small trailing about 5cm in size, a pale white colour with a faint red stripe.

Geoff and Lucy Spears' *Cym. dayanum* was in a 18cm pot with 14 spikes each with 10 pale pink flowers about 5cm in size, a pink stripe in petals and sepals, the lip red and orange, a beautifully grown plant with glossy narrow leaves.

On the Second Division Sheila Hellawell's *Cym. Bold* as Brass X Peter Pan was growing in a 12cm pot with 1 spike of 8 white/cream flowers, the lip with heavy brown spots.

Anton Drew's hardcane dendrobium phalaenanth type of 5 crosses had 1 purple flower. The plant was growing in a 10cm pot. There were 3 small growths, 1 larger with 1 flower, in future expect many more long-lasting flowers. A good flower but the plant needs to be built up.

Overall, a nice display of quality flowers. As the season continues we should see many more cymbidiums, and we look forward to a good display at the SAROC show.

Well done to all those growers who benched plants.

Kel Staples.

## SHOW DATES

Our Show dates and venues have now all been confirmed for this year, so keep them in mind, and do plan to participate. You'll find it a satisfying and rewarding exercise

Our first show will be, as in recent years, at the **Klemzig Band Hall at 7 O.G. Rd Klemzig on the weekend of 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> July.** Our preferred dates were not available, and in future years we hope to bring it forward to late June/early July. Table top and floor display areas will be available for exhibitors, and it's a great social weekend for members too. Plant sales, too.

**Sales sheets for your plants for sale will be available from Bob Gunn at the June meeting.**

Winter show dates are from **Sunday Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> August at Stocklands Parabanks Shopping Centre at Salisbury.**

Our Spring Show will be at the **Burnside Shopping Centre from the 21st to 27<sup>th</sup> September.**

## SOCIAL NOTES

Murray Bridge Orchid Club will hold their winter show at the Murray Bridge Town Hall Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 12 noon until Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 4 pm. They always have a good display which includes Floral Art and Crafts and photography. Admission is \$3 which includes tea/coffee. If you get the opportunity, go along. You'll be cordially welcomed.

Gawler Club will hold their Winter Show at the St. Agnes Shopping Centre from 29<sup>th</sup> June to 5<sup>th</sup> July over shopping hours.

South Coast Orchid Club will have their Winter Show at Southgate Plaza, at Morphett Vale, from 27<sup>th</sup> July until 2<sup>nd</sup> August during shopping hours.

A number of our members will travel to Bendigo to see the Victorian Country Challenge over the weekend of 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> July. A bus load of Vic. Country members recently attended our SAROC Fair – good fellowship all round.

## FOR SALE.

A number of fencing panels we use at our Shopping Centre shows are surplus to our requirements, and are offered to members for the price of \$25 per ten foot length. If we have more requests than we have panels, a ballot will be held. Please lodge applications with our Treasurer, Bob Gunn. We are also offering our old storage cabinet once used for our library book storage. It is 6 ft high by 3 ft wide by 1 ½ ft deep. but the doors don't lock properly. Best offer.

## SAROC CANTEEN STATS.

The convenor of our Society efforts to provide the canteen service at the recent SAROC Fair, Iris Davies has asked me to pass on her gratitude to all our members, family, and friends who helped wait on tables, wash dishes, maintain supplies and generally satisfy the demands of a record number of customers this year. A number of our people supplied jam, scones, and soup over the weekend, and made cups of tea and coffee and Devonshire teas for the visitors.

Besides supplying heaps of pies and pasties and sandwiches, we produced 50 dozen scones, made both on and off site, used 15 jars of jam of all sizes, and used 12 cartons of cream.

A great effort of cooperation by all, and we offer Iris a big vote of thanks and gratitude for making the weekend, and our canteen contribution in particular, such a success.

## SOCIETY TROPHIES.

A member has suggested that we remind members about the Perpetual Trophies which are awarded each year, and of course, some of our newer members haven't even been told about them previously, so here we go.

Starting with our first award, we have the Edite Nicholls Memorial Trophy. This was presented to the Society in its early years by John Nicholls in memory of his first wife, Edite. It is presented to the owner of the Best Seedling shown during each year at either monthly meetings and Shows. The judges

select the best seedling each meeting, then apply a point score indicating the quality and give their scores in secret to the Registrar. At the end of each year, the results are opened, scores averaged out for each plant, and the highest scoring plant wins the trophy for the ensuing year.

The Driffield Cup, sponsored for the highest Cattleya alliance aggregate points, is presented each year to the member who scores the highest aggregate points for the year, counting votes of 3, 2, and 1 points for placings, over each monthly meeting in the Cattleya categories. (Show winners have their own prizes, and are not included in the aggregate point scores).

The Cymbidium Cup was provided by the Society to reward the grower who achieved the highest aggregate results in their Division for the cymbidium classes. Again, results from shows are not included in the aggregate results.

Kevin and Helen Gurney gave the Society the Craig Gurney Memorial Trophy for the Best Paphiopedilum exhibited at our Winter Shows each year to commemorate the tragic passing of their son, Craig, in a road accident. Kevin was actually judging our Winter Show when the news arrived, so this award has special significance each Winter Show.

The Melva Oliver Memoria Trophy was provided by Noel Oliver in memory of his late wife, Melva. Her support for Noel in growing orchids, including in particular his beloved Australian natives made this an obvious choice for Noel in providing the beautifully formed perpetual trophy for the highest aggregate point score for the Australian native orchid categories.

Our most recent perpetual trophy has been provided by Society stalwarts, Merv. And Shirley Steele. In consultation with the Steeles, the trophy was made available for all members to compete for, and it was decided that the most appropriate category would be the highest annual aggregate points tally for the Popular Vote, which could be won by any member who showed nice plants each month, not limited specially for those who more exclusively win the sectional classes. All members have a say in allocation of points each meeting for this trophy.

## KLEMZIG BAND HALL SHOW 13<sup>th</sup> –14<sup>th</sup> JULY

Location - Klemzig Band Hall 7 O.G. Road  
Klemzig

Set up from 7.30 am on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June,  
via the northern entrance.

Open to Public from 12 noon on Sat. to 5 pm  
Sunday 10 am. To 4 pm.

A Sales Table will operate, and we hope  
members will have lots of orchids (preferably  
in flower if possible) for the public to buy.

Potting demos. and afternoon teas available  
for visitors to enjoy as well.

Normal Autumn show schedule will apply.  
Tabletop individual displays have been  
popular in the past, and will be available for  
members or a floor display area if you prefer.

We would like to know the area you require at  
our next meeting, as we'll need to plan the  
layout. Please give this some thought.

A photographic competition was an additional  
point of interest last year. We have  
previously seen some excellent photography  
by our members and this adds an extra  
dimension for the public to see.

Categories (subject to Committee approval)  
could include (1) Individual orchid bloom  
(2) multiple orchid blooms (3) general  
gardening or orchid interest photo.

We had a display of orchid art and crafts  
items, last year, too, including orchid pattern  
dinner sets, vases, containers, and orchid art  
and knick-knacks-. Let's see what members  
can bring along this year.

Don't forget to pick up your sales sheets from  
the treasurer at the June meeting if you think  
you may have plants for sale!!

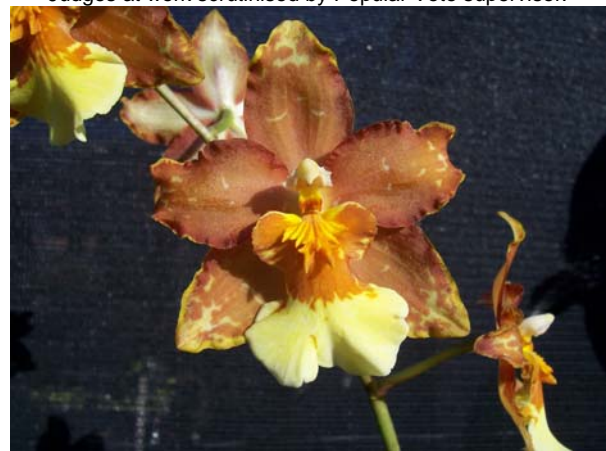
As usual, we'll need volunteers to man the  
doors, carry out potting demonstrations, and  
help with the afternoon teas and kitchen area.



Kel Saples at work.



Judges at work scrutinised by Popular Vote supervisor.



Wilsonara



Showy standard cattleyas.

## COMPETITION RESULTS May 2008

### CYMBIDIUM 60-90 mm

Open Div  
1st Everglades x Red Beauty J & S Nicholls

### CYMBIDIUM under 60mm

Open Div  
1st *Cym. Elegant Elf 'Nan'* J & S Nicholls  
First Div  
1st *Cym. Unknown* P & V Spee  
Second Div  
1st *Cym. Bold As Bass x Pete Pan* B Bolt  
2nd *Cym. Sue x Maytime* S Hellawell

### STANDARD CATTLEYA

Open Div  
1st *Sc. Rosies Surprise* R & B Wilson  
2nd *Rsc. Glen Maidment* R & B Wilson  
3rd *Sc. Moochie* S & B Huddleston

### NOVELTY CATTLEYA

Open Div  
1st *Sc. Precious Jewels x Sophranthe Tick or Treat* K & G Staples  
2nd *Ctt. Portia* R & B Wilson  
3rd *Gaurisophleya Highland Bauble* K & G Staples  
  
First Div  
1st *Powellara Empress Worsley 'Roman Holiday'* A & I Davies

### CLUSTER CATTLEYA

Open Div.  
1st *Guarisophleya Paradise Mel* K & G Staples

### NOVELTY CLUSTER CATTLEYA

Open Div  
1st *Thwaitesara Burana Beauty* S & B Huddleston  
2nd *Ctt. Bactia Grapewax* R & B Wilson  
3rd *Gst. Pirate Porche* R & B Wilson  
First Div  
1st

### COCKTAIL CATTLEYA

First Div  
1st *Cattlianthe Porcia 'Cannizaro'* P & V Speer  
2nd *Sc. Mari's Song x Sc. Jillain Lee* M & M Page

### CATTLEYA & ALLIED GENERA

Open Div  
1st *Ctna. Why Not* S & B Huddleston

### NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUM

Open Div  
1st *Paph. Pinocchio* T Bourne  
2nd *Paph. Envy Green* K & G Staples  
3rd *Paph. Caraibe x insigne* T Bourne

### SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUM

Open Div  
1st *Paph. leucochilum* K & G Staples  
2nd *Paph. gratrixianum* K & G Staples  
3rd *Paph. purpuratum* K & G Staples

### SPECIES

Open Div  
1st *Cym. dayanum* G & L Speer  
2nd *Cym. Erythrostylum* J & S Nicholls  
3rd *S. purpurata* R & B Wilson  
First Div  
1st *Sten. longifolia* K & J Whibley  
2nd *Cym. dayanum* P & V Speer

### DENDROBIUM

Second Div  
1st *Den. (Dal's Delux x (Kiyomi Beauty x Nong-khan Beauty)) x Hawaiian Beauty* A. Drew

### AUSTRALIAN NATIVE EPIPHYTE HYBID

Open Div  
1st *Den. Hilda Poxon 'Gwen J'* A & M Phillips  
2nd *Den. Hilda Poxon 'Gwen J'* A & M Phillips  
First Div  
1st *Den Gillieston Rewad x Autumn* K Trevan

### AUSTRALIAN NATIVE EPIPHYTE SPECIES

First Divt  
1st *Cym. maddidum* A & I Davies

### AUSTRALIAN NATIVE TERRESTRIAL SPECIES

Open Div  
1st *Cytostylis robusta* L Burgess  
2nd *Ptst. tuncata* D & J Higgs  
3rd *Ptst. laxa* D & J Higgs  
First Div  
1st *Acianthus pusillus* P & V Spee  
2nd *Ptst. obtusum* P & V Spee

### MILT/ONCID/ODONT.

Open Div  
1st *Wils. Hilda Plumtree 'Purple Wings'* N Oliver  
2nd *Odm. Bic-ross x Oda. Bictonense* G & L Speer  
First Div  
1st *Mclna. Pagan Lovesong 'High Life'* A & I Davies  
2nd *Onc. Sun Shade* M & M Page  
3rd *Milt. Anne Warne* A & I Davies



## MISCELLANEOUS

Open Div		
1st	<i>Phrag.</i> Schroederiae	D & J Higgs
2nd	<i>Lyc.</i> Hotlips Houlihan 'Cherry Cream'	R & B Wilson
3rd	<i>Phrag.</i> Andean Fire	D & J Higgs

## SEEDLING

Open Div		
1st	<i>Paph.</i> Caraibe x <i>insigne</i>	T Bourne
2nd	<i>Z.</i> Kiwi Choice '#4'	T Bourne
First Div		
1st	<i>Zga.</i> Adelaide Meadows x self	K Trevan

## ZYGOPETALUM

Open Div		
1st	<i>Zga.</i> Adelaide Meadows 'Arrow'	G & C Hime
2nd	<i>Z.</i> Kiwi Choice '#4'	T Bourne
First Div		
1st	<i>Zga.</i> Adelaide Meadows x self	K Trevan
2nd	<i>Z.</i> Helen Ku 'Tiger Eye'	K Trevan
3rd	<i>Zga.</i> Adelaide Meadows 'Midnight'	K Trevan

## POPULAR VOTE

Open Div		
1st	<i>Guarisophleya</i> Paradise Mel	K & G Staples
2nd	<i>Sc.</i> Moochie	S & B Huddleston
3rd	<i>Rso.</i> Glen Maidment 'Southern Cross'	R & B Wilson
First Div		
1st	<i>Onc.</i> . Sun Shade	M & M Page
2nd	<i>Mclna.</i> Pagan Lovesong 'High Life'	A & I Davies
3rd	<i>Powellara</i> Empress Worsley 'Roman Holiday'	A & I Davies
Second Div		
1st	<i>Den.</i> (Dal's Delux x (Kiyomi Beauty x Nong-khan Beauty)) x Hawaiian Beauty	A. Drew
2nd	<i>Cym.</i> Bold As Bass x Pete Pan	B Bolt
3rd	<i>Cym.</i> Sue x Maytime	S Hellawell

## BEST IN DIVISION

## Open Division

***Cym. dayanum***  
**Grown By** G & L Speer

## First Division

***Mclna.* Pagan Lovesong 'High Life'**  
**Grown By** A & I Davies

## Second Division

***Den.* (Dal's Delux x  
(Kiyomi Beauty x Nong-khan Beauty)) x  
Hawaiian Beauty**

**Grown By** Anton Drew

## REGISTRAR'S CHOICE

***Cym. dayanum***  
**Grown By** G & L Speer

Members will notice, if they look closely some name changes in the results sheets.

I have checked plant registrations and changed the results accordingly. If you had a plant on the bench last month and the plant name in the results is different then the crossing has been registered and you will need to change your label.

Also, due to the RHS adopting the new names put forward by botanists for many genera, I have also changed the genera names in the results. These changes currently apply to the cattleya alliance of orchids.

You will notice more appearing in the coming months.

Rob