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This species, *Cattleya percivaliana*, shows many of the characteristics judges look for in a 'Standard' shaped bloom from the Laeliinae group of South American orchids. It is found in Venezuela, a magnificent orchid.

This month we will have informal, simultaneous demonstrations on growing, repotting, and cultural hints by a number of growers. Members will be free to circulate between the various growers whilst demos. take place...

Meetings every third Wednesday each month. (June 15th this month) Our meeting hall is at **34 LONG ST PLYMPTON. NOTE – ACCESS TO HALL IS NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL 7.30 pm Parking at side and at rear of hall Access is via either front or back entrance after 7.30 pm..**

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| 1970 | Spiro Drikas* | 2005 | Alan Davies, Iris Davies |
| 1975 | Elva Shawyer*, Gordon Shawyer* Edith Halliday*, Mervyn Green* | 2013 | Margaret Jacob |
| 1976 | Trevor Jacob | 2014 | Brian Brand, Shirley Brand |
| 1977 | Jack Moore*, Harold Luckhurst*, Ken Wynes* | 2018 | Lesley Gunn, Robert Gunn Don Higgs, Jane Higgs Jill Taylor |
| 1986 | Kelvin Staples*, Stan Johnston* | 2021 | Dr Tony Bourne |
| 1992 | Peter Speer*, Deane Johnston, Frank Neighbour*, Nancy Neighbour* | 2022 | Pauline Simcock, Garry Simcock |
| 1996 | Kevin Gurney, Noel Oliver* | | |

*Denotes deceased member

Researched K..Gurney

2022 PROGRAMME

Our June 15th meeting will be held at the Plympton Community centre
34 LONG St. PLYMPTON
The hall is open from 7.30 pm. Entry either through the front or rear doors.

BIRTHDAYS FOR June 2022

'Birthday draw' for a plant for members with a birthday this month include.

. Brian Brand John Carman John Lampard Pauline Rankin
Vanda Rounsefell Andrew Bird Jim Cuming

Next Committee Meeting: Pine View, Village, Glensside June 20th 7.00pm
Next Judges Meeting Uniting Church hall, 93 Crittenden Rd Findon Monday 6th June 7.30pm
Next SA Regional Judging Panel Meeting: To be advised

FUN WITH GROWING DOCKRILLIAS *By Kevin Gurney.*

We've not seen Kevin at monthly meetings for some time now, but he is still committed to his orchids, and has grown some wonderful examples over the many years he has been in our Society. He has been a Life Member since 1996.

In recent times he has had considerable success with growing Aust. Native orchids, particularly the dendrobiums, and always had some gems to show me from his shade-house. He has been particularly proud of his culture of the dockrillias, a genus whose leaves grow like rats tails trailing down with the small blooms hanging upside down in sprays, a growing habit particularly suited to their natural habit of flowering attached to trees or rock faces along the east coast of Australia.

We've seen some great specimen plants produced on ingeniously made supports benched by members over the years, but this story is about Kevin's success with growing them from flask, something which requires careful culture while they are developing.

"A few years ago in 2018, Jan Whibley and her late husband, Kevin, attended a Country Challenge orchid show in Victoria, and became the proud owners of a flask of the Aust. native orchid species, *Dockrillia striolata* ssp. *chrysantha*. These were donated to our Society by the Whibleys, to grow on and be distributed as seen fit, and I became the lucky person to grow these plants on..They were deflasked in July 2018 and grew rather quickly to my surprise, and were distributed over 12 -18 months through shows held by the Society. I retained 3 plants to grow on, and they were mounted on cork in July 2019.

Along comes Covid 19 in March 2020, and so I have no idea how the plants that were distributed have fared, suffice to say I have had the pleasure to flower 2 of the 3 plants I retained in September 2021. They have from what I can ascertain, flowered true to form.

Dockrillia striolata ssp *chrysantha*, previously known as *Dendrobium striolatum*.

Bears 1 -3 flowers, 20 mm across, which are cream, yellow, or greenish yellow.

Distributed from Barrington tops in NSW, down to Tasmania.

Grows on rocks, cliff faces, and on granite boulders in Tasmania.

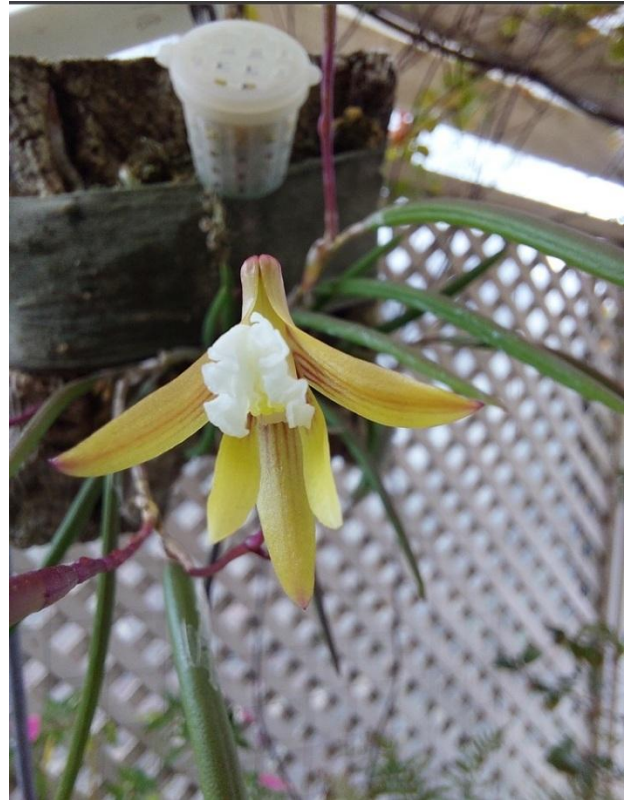
Cultivation – very easily grown on a slab of tree -fern, hardwood or cork.

Plants require fairly bright light, humidity, and air movement.

I personally am pleased to have been involved in the growing on of these plants, and my thanks go to the Whibleys for making this possible.

I sincerely thank you both."

Kevin Gurney



Dockrillia striolata ssp chrysantha

NOTE – Photos show Kevin’s little perforated plastic containers which are filled with slow release fertiliser, ensure a small dose of fertiliser every time he waters. Clever, eh!

Thank you, Kevin Ed.

PRESIDENT'S FORUM

June 2022.

Hello, everyone.

Half way through the year and the busiest half for orchid growers is yet to come. Einstein was right about time being relative. The years seem to become shorter and time passes **faster** the older we become.

I would very much like to thank Kevin Gurney for his contribution to Members' Corner this month. We seem to get to know each other better with these personal little stories.

We are now closing in on the Orchid Fair, and, as we have done for many years, our Society has been given the responsibility of organising and running the kitchen for firstly, the Judges on Friday night when they complete their judging activities, and the morning and afternoon teas for the visitors. Then, of course, to provide some light lunches for the workers from the various Clubs whilst they are engaged in setting up the displays, and running the activities required to make the Fair so successful. We still are seeking members' participation in serving the public their cups of tea, sandwiches etc. whilst the Fair is on. We have been fortunate over many years, to have some assistance of other Clubs'

members, who have cheerfully helped.

Our June meeting feature will be mass potting and cultural discussions by a number of our experienced members, when you can informally ask questions about culture which you might not like to ask in front of the whole assembly of members.

The next month, our August meeting will be our **mid-year dinner**, on the **Thursday night, August 18th**, starting at 6.15 pm. Our Treasurer, Garry, will be pleased to receive your dinner contribution at our June meeting. \$5 for members, \$10 for partners and friends. (a subsidised contribution).

Sandwiched among these dates will be our Winter Show, at the Klemzig Community Centre, on North East Rd. on 6th and 7th August.

Rug up well, and get lots of early nights, so you'll have plenty of energy for all the activities which are approaching fast. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Orchid Fair at Montacute Rd over the Queen's Birthday weekend very soon.

Best wishes,

Diana.Bird President

LAST MEETING.

Our Judging Registrar, Mr. Don Higgs presented a program showing winning plants from each month and our Shows during 2021. John Seidel's photography showed particularly well on the Council's projector and large white wall. John thought the quality may have something to do with the Council projector and new HDMI cable we used.

Don's commentary included a resume of the quality of the plants and relevant cultural comments, and was declared by a number of members to be an excellent presentation. John Seidel was commended on the quality of the photographs he presents. He has been our official photographer for many years. Thank you both. The orchids showed up beautifully.

Don is arranging for judging panel members to provide relevant comments on each of the Divisional winners for members' education each month. We will continue to show photos of other photogenic examples from each of the three judging Divisions every month.

THIS MONTH

It is some time since we have had experienced members demonstrate how they grow

particular genera of orchids. Their demos. will be carried out at locations around the hall simultaneously, where members can gather round and ask questions informally, and learn how our experts handle the various genera..

Members bringing in plants for judging can gain access either through the front or back doors, after 7.30 pm

MEETING DATES FOR 2022.

All meetings are booked for the third Wednesday of the month, except.. August Dinner meeting **Thursday**, 18 August, 2022, & December Christmas Dinner meeting on **Thursday**, 15 December, 2022

No meeting in Sept. (Show put-in at Gilles Plains is on what would normally have been our Sept. meeting night.)

IMPORTANT SHOW DATES SA ORCHID FAIR

Plants to be put-in after 12noon Friday, June 10th. after floor positions are allocated and floor coverings and display backdrops etc. are in place. Judging will be carried out in the evening – not open to public
Open to public Sat. 11th June 9 am to 5 pm, and Sunday 12th June 10 am to 4 pm.

WINTER SHOW at Klemzig
Community Hall 6th and 7th August

SPRING SHOW AT Gilles Plains
Shopping Centre Put in Wed 21st
Sept, until 5pm Sat 24th Sept

SALES DAY Monday 3rd Oct
(Public Holiday) at Klemzig
Community Hall .

OTHER DATES TO CONSIDER

**VIC. ORCHID CLUBS' COUNTRY
CHALLENGE.** is at Stawell this year
Sat July 2nd 12–5pm & Sun 9am-3
pm

MEMBERS' CORNER

As you see, Kevin Gurney
has provided a contribution to
'Members corner' this month.
Diana Bird is proving very efficient
in persuading members to
contribute an article, which is
providing different perspectives on
how we grow our orchids.

Well done, both Kevin and Diana..

Thank you, everyone.

South Australian Orchid Fair (Formerly SAROC Show)

A Fair dinner will be held on Saturday
Night, June 11. **This will be held at the
Tower Hotel on the corner of Magill
and St. Bernards Road, about 1½ kms.
from the show venue.**

We will have a room (maximum of 60
people) to ourselves, so we do not have
to contend with other patrons, and we
will be able to mix, speak and hear
others.

There will be a choice of about 8 pub-
type meals in the range of \$25 - \$30.
Drinks, tea and coffee and dessert will
be available for purchase separately.

If you were not at the May meeting, and
would still like to attend, please notify
Pauline on 0430 194808 or
Garry 0419 837761.

PLANTS SHOWN LAST MONTH

Second Div.

Sc Petite Pride x *R/c* Toshie Aoki
grown by Ralph Edwards

A single inflorescence carrying
one large bloom of lovely colour
and a dramatic lip. It has been
growing in a 6 in. pot in
small/medium bark for 20 years
Ralph says he neglects it
somewhat, but it keeps surprising
him. It lives in his shadehouse,
receiving water regularly and is
fertilised with Strike Back and
worm wee two monthly. .



First Division

Stenoglottis longifolia, owned by
Peter & Helen Haltis.

This is the same plant which won
for Peter last month.

He has owned this terrestrial plant
growing in the original mix of sand
and peat moss in a 14cm pot for a
year. It had 10 strong
inflorescences of even height
carrying many flowers, and being
a progressive flowerer, had many
developing buds still to come.

The plant is grown under 50 % shade cloth.

Peter waters the plant on average three times a week, and if the temp. is over 35⁰ C it gets misted for 2 mins. three times per day.



Open Div

Cattleya percivaliana 'Summit', owned by M Willoughby and O Ju.

The 7 blooms were an outstanding mauve colour with striking dark purple lips bright yellow in their centres. The flowers were beautifully presented, well above the foliage, (see front cover) Culture was impressive, the plant growing in medium bark in an 18 cm pot.

Michael & Oui grow it in a shadehouse with a solid roof and solid western facing side. It is watered once weekly, but more often in warmer weather.

Weak fertiliser is applied every watering.

The plant was awarded 'Orchid of the Night' by our A/g Registrar for the night, Alan Davies.



V Rounsefell's *Ons Tan Treasures* grows beautifully for her. She showed it last year, too.



John Seidel bred the *Ctt* Zodiac 'Purple Haze' (top) over 20 years ago Well worth keeping!. The red *Ctt* Gone Fishing name suggests his father, Cyril, a former stalwart of our Society, may have had a hand in naming that cross, too. Colour of both these cluster type were very bright and attractive

COMP. RESULTS May 2022

CYMBIDIUMS 60-90 mm

Open Div
1st Sundaani Autumn `Sunrise`
M Willoughby & Oui Ju'

CYMBIDIUMS under 60 mm.

Open Div
1ST Sundaani Autumn `Ty`
M Willoughby & Oui Ju'

STANDARD LAELIINAE 80mm and over.

Open Div
1st *Rlc* Mem Anna Balmores `Carmela`
P & M Hockey

STANDARD LAELIINAE UNDER 80mm

Second Div
1st C Precious Jewel x Royal Beau
R Edwards

NON STANDARD LAELIINAE

Open Div
1st *Lc* Australian Frangipani J Seidel
Second Div
1st C Petite Pride x *Rlc* Toshie Aoki
R Edwards

NON STANDARD CLUSTER LAELIINAE

Open Div
1st *Ctt* Zodiac Purple Haze J Seidel
2nd *Ctt* Gone Fishing `Red` J Seidel
First Div
1st *Ctt* Porcia `Cannizaro` J & D Cassar

SPECIES LAELIINAE

Open Div.
1st *C percivaliana* `Summit` M Willoughby
& Oui Ju

First Div
1st *L anceps* J & D Cassar

NON STANDARD PAPHS

Open Div
1st Hilo Super Green x Hsinying Bonjarc
M Willoughby & Oui Ju
2nd Katrina M Willoughby & Oui Ju
3rd Clifton Booth J Seidel

SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUM

Open Div
1st *insigne* `Chianti` J Seidel
2nd *spicerianum* J Seidel
3rd *spicerianum* J Seidel

AUST NATIVE EPIPHYTE HYBRID

First Div
1st *Den* Hilda Poxon P & H Haltis

AUST. NATIVE EPIPHYTE SPECIES

Open Div
1st *Den liparis swenssonii*
M Willoughby & O Ju

ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS

Open Div
1st *Brat* Aztec `Toni` M Willoughby & O Jui
2nd *Pasr* Chian-Tzy Lovely `Ct -Goldmine`
M Willoughby & O Ju

Second Div
1st *Ons* Tan Treasures V Rounsefell
2nd *Brsdm* Yellow Star V Rounsefell

ONCIDIINAE SPECIES

Open Div
1st *Milt moreliana* M Willoughby & Oui Ju'
First Div
1st *Gomesa flexuosa* P & H Haltis

OTHER GENERA HYBRIDS

Open Div
1st *Phrag* Sorcerer's Apprentice J Seidel

OTHER GENERA SPECIES

Open Div
1st *Sngl longifolia* J & D Higgsi
2nd *Liparis viridiflora* M Willoughby & Oui Ju
First Div
1st *Sngl longifolia* P & H Haltis
Second Div
1st *Z crinitum* G & P Simcock

ZYGOPETALUM HYBRID

Open Div
1st Z Conways Choice hyb. J Seideli
2nd Z Artur Elle `Zodiac Green` J Seideli
3rd *Npp* Woody's Surprise P & M Hockey
First Div
1st Z Kiwi Choice P & H Haltis
2nd Z Kiwi Choice P & H Haltis
3rd Z Warrigal Wonder x Artur Elle
J & D Cassar

Second Div
1st *Zga* Denpasar x Kings Road
G & P Simcock

SEEDLINGS

Open Div
1st *Milt moreliana* M Willoughby & Oui Ju'
2nd *Npp* Beverley x Z Conway's Choice
J Seidel

First Div
1st Z Port Vincent x Kiwi P & H Haltis
Second Div
1st *Zga* Denpasar x Kings Road
G & P Simcock

POPULAR VOTE

Open Div

1st Miltassia Aztec `Toni`
M Willoughby & O Ju

2nd *C percivaliana* `Summit`
M Willoughby & O Ju

3rd *Atc* (?) Unknown P & M Hockey

First Div

1st *C tt* Porcia `Cannizaro` J & D Cassar

2nd *Sngl longifolia* P & H Haltis

3rd *Gomesa flexuosa* P & H Haltis

Second Div.

1st *Ons* Tan Treasures `Lavender Picotee`
V Rounsefell

2nd *C Petite Pride* x *Rlc Toshie Aoki*
R Edwards

BEST ORCHID IN DIVISION

Open Division

Cattleya percivaliana

M Willoughby & O Ju.

First Division

Stenoglottis longifolia

Peter & Helen Haltis

Second Division

***Sc Petite Pride* x**

Rlc Toshie Aoki

Ralph Edwards

REGISTRAR'S CHOICE

Cattleya percivaliana

M Willoughby & O Ju.



C Porcia `Cannizaro` (often misspelt) from Joe Cassar was appreciated by members. A lovely and floriferous orchid..



This lovely *Milt moreliana*, a line bred species, shows the value of the breeders' art. Shown by Michael & Oui

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