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**Plant of Open Division and Registrar's Choice**

***Paph. venustum* 'alba'**



**Grown by John Seidel**

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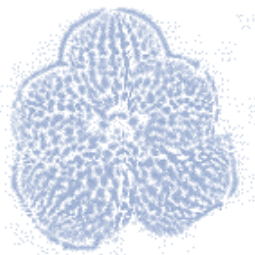
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## **PRESIDENT'S WORD SEPTEMBER 2022**

How are all your orchids going? In between the rain I ventured out into my area, and I think my orchids are starting to float away. There are quite a few spikes but no colour showing yet and I dare not touch them as with the weather so cold, I am sure they would snap off. I do hope that it starts to warm soon as the Royal Show is on us. Probably your plants will need to be at the RAHS or at least loaded for transport by the time of our meeting. Please take the time to come and have a look at the display at the Royal Show.

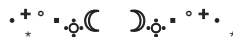
As well as the orchid display several of the schools that we mentor will be coming in and doing potting demo's etc on the Horticultural Stage during the week. It would be good if we can support these groups as they share their new knowledge skills with the public.

A fortnight after the Royal Show we will hold our Spring Show. Don't forget as the weather improves to prepare your plants for display and for sale. Details will be shared at the September Meeting on times etc for this.

The September meeting has had a change of Speaker and now John Harris will share with us about the change in 'Orchids' in the 20 years that he did not attend the Orchid Club. It should be interesting to see how we have evolved over the years and whether it is for the better or not.

The Day Meeting is going to have the opportunity to hear Kevin Weston speak on *Sarcophilus*. Such a wonderful Australian Native that is so rewarding. Kevin may even have some plants for sale, so please take the opportunity to come along and share your orchids as the flowers start to bring our collections back to life.

*Coralie Hills FAOC, President and Life Member - Orchid Club of SA Inc.*



## **TROPHIES TO BE RETURNED**

**Colin Grigg Memorial Trophy** ) Michael Willoughby

**Hills Family Trophy** ) and

**George & Patricia Perpetual Trophy** ) Oui Ju

**Advertiser Tray** John Moon

**Frank De Rose Memorial Trophy** Brian Coombe

Can these people please return these trophies to Treasurer at the September Night meeting please, or hand to either Ron Yates or Rayne Riggs in the judging room.

*Many thanks - Wendy Lodge, Registrar.*



## **2022 SARC DINNER**

This is an early reminder to put into your calendar, the 2021 Sarc Dinner is to be held on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> of November in the hall at the Enfield Community Centre, 540 Regency Road, Enfield.

At this stage there has been no decision on the caterer but the cost is expected to be around \$30:00 per head.



## **GUEST SPEAKER SEPTEMBER NIGHT MEETING**

The next night meeting will be held at the Enfield Community Centre, 540 Regency Road, Enfield, on Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup> of September. Our guest speakers this month will be John Harris. John was very active in the Australian Orchid Council over the same period, being secretary to 4 interstate-based Presidents and two SA-based Presidents. He was also a Vice President and then President of the Council, before stepping away from orchids in 2000. In 1996, he was awarded the highest honour of the Council in being made an Honorary Fellow and is the youngest ever recipient of that honour.

In late 2019, and John retired from work, the incurable disease of orchid growing came out of remission and struck again, bringing John back into the hobby and to Judging. He has regained his active judging status, after serving a period of re-education and update in both orchids and procedures. However, in that period in hiatus, so much changed in orchids - their culture, shows and meetings, nature of plants benched, and importantly judging. Not only that but his own collection had suffered from increasing levels of neglect and diminished in size dramatically.

At the September meeting, John will talk about some of these changes and how he resurrected his collection.

## **SEPTEMBER DAY GROUP MEETING**

The next night meeting will be held at the Enfield Community Centre, 540 Regency Road, Enfield on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of September and we will have our orchid laboratory guru Kevin Western from Western Orchids as the guest speaker. Western Orchids/Laboratories is run by Kevin and is situated at Coromandel East. He has been in business since 1985, selling a range of tissue culture media, orchid species and hybrids in flask and runs comprehensive orchid tissue culture courses enabling people to become proficient at producing orchid seedlings and clones. Kevin's topic this month will be, all you need to know about the dainty orchid, *Sarcochilus*. There are many species forms, and a lot of magnificent hybrids and Kevin will load you up with knowledge about this genus; don't miss it.



## **OCSA FRIDAY GROUP REPORT – AUGUST**

The Day Group met on Friday 12 August. A wet and windy day but what a wonderful group of people that gathered to hear Graham Hein speak on how he grows his beautiful *Laelia anceps*. Who would have thought that there were so many variations of this one species. Graham shared how he has moved his plants from one environment to another and how we have to change our growing to suit the different situations that we find ourselves in. Even though I have been attending meetings for years I find there is always something to learn. A very real reason for coming and being part of the Club meetings. I had the pleasure of taking the group as Alan was unable to attend and I found that not only did we have a very informative talk, but we were able to have a great time of sharing together and there were three laden tables of beautiful plants brought in for the appreciation table. Wendy and Des did a great job of not only talking about the plants but shared a few interesting bits about the plants benched and their background.

Congratulations to Elizabeth and Ron Hannaford who were awarded the plant of the day with a lovely well-presented *Cymbidium*.

Of course, the Day Group would not be complete without the Raffle Table which has everyone present going home with a prize.

The afternoon ended with a wonderful afternoon tea prepared by Enid and assisted by Judy.

Next Day Group meeting: 9<sup>th</sup> September – Kevin Western on growing *Sarcochilus*.



*Coralie Hills, President*



## **BEGINNER'S GROUP**

The Beginner's Group will commence again this month so come along to the September Monthly Meeting and be a part of the group from 7:15pm to 7:45pm. There will be expert club growers to help new and older members in the art of growing and cultivating orchids so come along early to increase your knowledge.



## **OCSA 2022 SPRING SHOW**

The Orchid Club of SA Spring show will be held at the Enfield Community Centre, 540 Regency Road, Enfield on **Saturday 24th of September 2022.**

**Put In:** Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> of September from 4:00pm to 6:00pm.

**N**O**te: Plants to be taken into Meeting Room N<sup>o</sup>. 2**

Orchids can be brought to meeting room N<sup>o</sup>. 2 and delivered to the plant Marshals on duty for **inspection** before being benched.

**Judging will begin at 6:00pm sharp.**

**Parking:** Available in the Centre's Car Park on the evening of the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September 2022.

**Members are requested to find alternative parking in the nearby streets during the show on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September so there is maximum parking space available for members of the public wishing to visit the OCSA Spring Orchid show.**

**Foliage Plants:** These can be brought in with your orchids. Please make sure that your exhibitor's number is on all pots. Please bring in as many as you can because all will be needed to make our displays more attractive.

**Plants and Labelling:** Your plants should be presented ready for exhibition.

Please ensure that the correct label for your division is attached to each plant, displaying the plant name and your exhibitor number on the label.

**Show schedule** appears in this Bulletin for your reference.

**Take Out:** Take out will occur after **4:00pm on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> of September 2022.**

Exhibits must not be removed from the show before this time without the approval of the Show Marshall.

All plants must be removed; if a member is unable to remove their plants and wish to have another person pick them up, please notify the Show Marshall of arrangements before take-out with a written letter of authorization.

**Growers please note: - Plants suspected of being infected with virus, disease or insect infestation will not be eligible for competition and such plants will be asked to be removed from the show.**

**AOC Award Judging:** If you have a plant for an AOC award then this can be arranged by phoning Stephen Lynch on Ph No 8588 7384 **48 hours before** the commencement of show judging on **23<sup>rd</sup> of September 2022.**

**Trading Table:**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to ongoing booking issues with the hall on a Friday evening, sale plants cannot be accepted in the hall until between **8:30am and 9:45am on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> of September 2022** and have them inspected and checked in by the trading table helpers.

Ensure all labels and sales sheets are fully and correctly filled in, otherwise plants may not be accepted for sale.

**NOTE:** There is a new plant label that is required for **ALL** sale plants; These will be available at the September meeting and the September Day Group meeting. NO plant will be accepted without the new sale label. Cost of labels is 5¢ per label, available in packs of 20, 50 and 100.

Please check plant condition and remove all husks from bulbs and dead ends on leaves. Present your sale plants in the condition you would expect if you were purchasing the plant.

**Show helpers:** If you can assist with the running of the show, on the Plant sales stall, help in the kitchen or on the door your help will be very much appreciated.

Please contact the Show Marshall Des Bettcher if you can help or assist during the show so that your name may be included on the roster.

An admission fee of \$5.00 will be charged for entry to the OCSA Spring Orchid Show.

**The Show will be Open from 10:00am until 4:00pm on the 24<sup>th</sup> of September 2022.**

Light refreshments will be available for the duration of the show.

If any further information is required, please contact: *Show Marshall Des Bettcher* (0466 797 485), *Registrar of Judges Wendy Lodge* (0421 495 630)

## **AN EXAMPLE OF HOW YOUR SALES SHEET & PLANT LABELS SHOULD**

### **LOOK.**

<b><u>THE ORCHID CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA</u></b> <b><u>PLANT SALES RECORD</u></b>			
<b>NAME....C.Smith.....</b>		<b>SHOW NUMBER.....389.....</b>  <b>SHEET NO.....1...of...1.....</b>	
Plant No	PLANT DESCRIPTION	PRICE \$	Reduced Price \$
1	Cym. One Tree Hill 'Doris'	\$25.00	

### **PLANT LABEL SAMPLE**

ORCHID CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA  SHOW NUMBER <b>500</b> PLANT NO. <b>21</b>  PLANT NAME <b>Cym. One Tree Hill 'Doris'</b>  COOL/INTERMEDIATE/WARM  COLOUR <b>Yellow</b>	OCSA  PLANT No. <b>1</b>  SHOW NUMBER  <div style="text-align: center;"><b>500</b></div> PRICE <b>\$25</b>
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# **Orchid Club of SA Inc.**

## **2022 SPRING SHOW SCHEDULE**

**GRAND CHAMPION ORCHID** - Colin Grigg Memorial Trophy, \$50 + OCSA Rosette

**DIVISION CHAMPIONS:** \$20 + OCSA Rosette

**CHAMPION SPECIES:** OCSA Rosette

**CHAMPION SPECIMEN:** OCSA Rosette

**GENUS CHAMPIONS:** \$15 + OCSA Rosette

Australian Native	Cymbidium 90mm and over	Cymbidium 60 –
90mm	Cymbidium under 60mm	Laeliinae
Oncidiinae	Paphiopedilum	
Phalaenopsis/Vandaeae	Zygopetalinae	
Terrestrial other than Australian Native	Other Genera (Includes Dendrobium	
other than Australian Native)	Species Specimen	

**ROY HARGREAVES MEMORIAL AUSTRALIAN NATIVE TERRESTRIAL SPECIES** – OCSA Rosette

### **PERPETUAL TROPHIES**

CHAMPION Paphiopedilum Species – Max Clayton Memorial Trophy

CHAMPION Cymbidium – Advertiser Tray

CHAMPION Cattleya – Frank De Rose Memorial Trophy

BEST Dendrobium Other than Australian Native – Hills Family Trophy

**In all Divisions** BEST: \$5 PLUS CARD, FIRST & SECOND PLACE: CARDS ONLY in all the following:-

#### **AUSTRALIAN NATIVE**

Epiphyte Hybrid

Epiphyte Species

Terrestrial Hybrid

Terrestrial Species

**Best Australian Native**

#### **CYMBIDIUM 90mm and Over**

Red/Pink/Brown

Yellow/Green /White/Cream

Any Other Colour

Species

**Best Cymbidium 90mm and Over**

#### **CYMBIDIUM 60mm to 90mm**

Red/Pink/Brown

Yellow/Green /White/Cream

#### **ONCIDIINAE**

Hybrid - 60mm and Over

Hybrid - Under 60mm

Species

**Best Oncidiinae**

#### **PAPHIOPEDILUM**

Standard Shape Hybrid

Non-Standard Shape Hybrid

Species

**Best Paphiopedilum**

#### **PHALAENOPSIS/VANDEAE**

Hybrid – 80mm and Over

Hybrid – Under 80mm

Species

**Best Phalaenopsis/Vandaeae**

Any Other Colour

Species

**Best Cymbidium 60mm to 90mm**

**CYMBIDIUM Under 60mm**

Red/Pink/Brown

Yellow/Green /White/Cream

Any Other Colour

Species

**Best Cymbidium Under 60mm**

**LAELIINAE**

Hybrid - 100mm and Over

Hybrid - Under 100mm

Cluster

Species

**Best Laeliinae**

**ZYGOPETALINAE**

Zygopetalum Hybrid

Hybrid – Inter-generic

Species

**Best Zygopetalinae**

**TERRESTRIALS OTHER THAN**

**AUSTRALIAN NATIVE**

Hybrid

Species

**Best Terrestrial other than Australian Native**

**ANY OTHER GENERA - Not listed elsewhere (Including Den. Other than Aust. Native)**

Hybrid

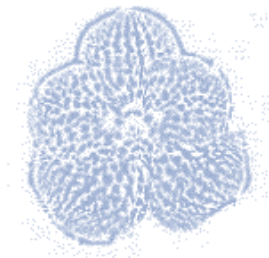
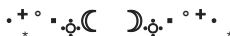
Species

**Best other Genera – Not listed elsewhere**

**BEST Australian Native Hybrid in the Show will be eligible to be nominated for the Ira Butler and Western Orchids Trophy**

**BEST Australian Native Species in the Show will be eligible to be nominated for the Bill Murdoch and Les Nesbitt Trophy**

**Nomination G. Hermon Slade Australasian Hybrid/Species**



# **FROM THE REGISTRAR FOR AUGUST**

## **Plant of Open Division and Registrar's Choice**

A lovely example of *Paphiopedilum venustum* 'Alba' was presented by John Seidel, showing 4 well shaped green/yellow flowers, which, we were told by Judge Ron Yates made that plant a specimen in judging terms. This plant comes originally from the Southern Slopes of the Himalayas into Nepal, making it a cool grower, which is excellent as it does not require heating during winter. The plant has over the years attained 147 awards and makes it a very desirable plant for growers to own.

John informs us that he grows his plant in pine bark, usually Ausgrow and Perlite. He only waters every 7 – 10 days in winter, then twice a week during summer depending on the temperature, and only fertilizes fortnightly using Peters CalMag and Seasol Powerfeed. He generally repots every 12 – 18 months, and the plant grows in a glass house that has some heat, but only to take the edge off extreme cold, with an average minimum temp of 10°, but the plant can go down to 5-7° for parts of the night/morning. Well done John, it was a very nice plant and it finally has the right name, thanks to the judging panel.

## **Plant of First Division**

Graham Hein bought in a well-presented plant of *Dendrobium Hilda Poxon* 'Spots' that has been open for 2 months already. The flowers on all 4 inflorescences had good shape, upright standing flowers of yellow with maroon markings that look up at you when so many other Den. Hilda Poxon flowers droop down because they are so big and heavy. This dendrobium is cool growing and is an epiphyte orchid that usually grows on tree trunks but does very well in pots.

Graham tells us that he grows his *Dendrobium* in his shade house under 70% beige shade cloth with a polycarbonate roof. Plants are on benches (like this plant) as well as wall mounted and hanging. This plant has flowered from January right through to July, which is usual for this plant. Because the plant is only in a 120mm pot, it is growing in small pine bark, diatomite, perlite and marble chips. It is grown cool. He waters with the weather conditions, from once a fortnight in winter to every other day in the summer. Fertilizing varies from Neutrog Strike Back for Orchids liquid, Seamungus and Powerfeed, to Peters All Rounder, generally weekly at recommended rate. He only uses rainwater when available and it is all done by hand to conserve water.



## Plant of Second Division

An unknown Cymbidium bought in by Dominic De Ionno was our best on the night, and the judges have decided that it is possibly a hybrid of Cym. Sarah Jean and a slightly larger flowering plant. Tonight's plant had 18 flowers on 3 inflorescences that were quite long and slightly arched, which presented the flowers quite well. The flowers were of good shape and were ice green in colour.

Dominic informs us that he only repotted the plant in January this year, and was surprised that it flowered with the 3 inflorescences and well over 50 flowers, with the lovely soft ice green colour. He waters consistently in the summer months, uses Neutrog liquid Strike Back as well as pellets as his fertilizer from November onwards. The plant is growing in a mix of 15 mm pine-bark and perlite. Congratulations Dominic on winning plant of Second Division.



*Wendy Lodge, Registrar*

# **AUGUST MONTHLY FLORAL RESULTS**

## **BEST ORCHID OPEN DIVISION AND REGISTRAR'S CHOICE**

*Paphiopedilum venustum* 'Alba' grown by John Seidel

## **BEST ORCHID FIRST DIVISION**

*Dendrobium* Hilda Poxon 'Spots' grown by Graham Hein

## **BEST ORCHID SECOND DIVISION**

*Cymbidium* Unknown grown by Dominic DeIono

### **OPEN DIVISION**

#### **Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid**

- |                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Den. Ruben Colmenares | John Seidel |
|--------------------------|-------------|

#### **Australian Native Terrestrial - Species**

- |                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| 1. Ptst. nana      | Les Nesbitt |
| 2. Ptst. baptistii | Les Nesbitt |
| 3. Ptst. nutans    | Les Nesbitt |

#### **Cymbidium – under 60mm All Colours**

- |                                 |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Cym. Clint Eastwood 'Zodiac' | John Seidel |
|---------------------------------|-------------|

#### **Laeliinae - Species**

- |              |             |
|--------------|-------------|
| 1. L. anceps | Les Nesbitt |
|--------------|-------------|

#### **Oncidiinae - Hybrid under 60mm**

- |                                |                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Onc. Twinkle 'Red Fragrant' | Graeme & Maureen Hazledine |
| 2. Onc. Gold Dust              | Graeme & Maureen Hazledine |

#### **Paphiopedilum – Non-Standard Shape Hybrid**

- |                                     |                            |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Paph. Hatsue Otsuka 'No. 3'      | John Seidel                |
| 2. Paph. (Fumi's Gold x micranthum) | Graeme & Maureen Hazledine |

#### **Paphiopedilum – Species**

- |                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Paph. venustum 'Alba' | John Seidel |
| 2. Paph. villosum        | John Seidel |

#### **Paphiopedilum – Standard Shape Hybrid**

- |                                          |                            |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Paph. Winston Churchill 'Indomitable' | John Seidel                |
| 2. Paph. Rosewater                       | Graeme & Maureen Hazledine |
| 3. Paph. In-charm Hamavin '22'           | John Seidel                |

#### **Other Genera – Hybrid not listed elsewhere**

- |                                 |             |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Msda. (Harlequin x Charisma) | Les Nesbitt |
|---------------------------------|-------------|

### **FIRST DIVISION**

#### **Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid**

- |                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Den. Hilda Poxon 'Spots' | Graham Hein |
|-----------------------------|-------------|

**Australian Native Terrestrial - Hybrid**

1. Ptst. Nodding Grace

Graham Hein

**Paphiopedilum – Non-Standard Shape Hybrid**

1. Paph. Rosy Dawn

Colleen Peters

**Other Genera – Species not listed elsewhere**

1. Cu. pulchella

Colleen Peters

**SECOND DIVISION****Australian Native Epiphyte - Hybrid**

1. Den. Burgundy Cream
2. Den. (Telekon x Zip)

Sharon Farley

Elaine Finlay

**Cymbidium – 60mm to 90mm All Colours**

1. Cym. Mini Beacon 'Stoplight'
2. Cym. Winter Fire 'Frosty Tips'
3. Cym. Valley Olympic 'Pink Perfection'

Trevor Noble

Sharon Farley

Kenneth Hinsliff

**Cymbidium – under 60mm All Colours**

1. Cym. Unknown
2. Cym. Mini Beacon 'Red Torch'
3. Cym. Sarah Jean 'Karen'

Domenic De Ionno

Dene Slape

Domenic De Ionno

**Laeliinae – Hybrid 100mm and Over**

1. Rlc. Pastoral 'Innocence'

Michael Gray &amp; Xuan Vu

**Laeliinae – Hybrid under 100mm**

1. C. Minipet

Carol &amp; Alan Jabs

**Laeliinae – Cluster**

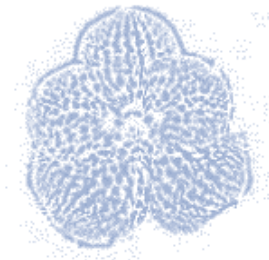
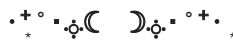
1. Bc. Maikai 'Mayumi'

Michael Gray &amp; Xuan Vu

**Other Genera – Species not listed elsewhere**

1. Ludisia discolor

Heinz Schulz



## *Coelogyne mooreana* Rolfe

The intrepid plant-hunter who first sent the spectacular *Coelogyne mooreana* to Europe, Wilhelm Micholitz, holds an important place in the history of plant collection. He collected for the great firm of Sander of St. Albans, England, and his travels, bravery and keen sense of intrigue enabled some wonderful orchid species to grace the collections of English and European enthusiasts before the Great War.



He collected in South America but not with much enthusiasm as he enjoyed "the well-ordered British and Dutch colonies in the East" but his successes in Asia were noteworthy. To mention a few of his 'introductions' - *Phalaenopsis micholitzii*, *Aerides micholitzii*, *Dendrobium dearei*, *Dendrobium schutzei*, *Dendrobium spectabilis* and he revolutionized the genus *Cymbidium* with *Cym. insigne*, *Cym. erythrostylum* and *Cym. parishii* var. *sanderiae*. Sadly, although he made a comfortable 'nest-egg' for himself, his

savings were wiped out in the chaotic economic conditions in post-war Germany and he died in poverty in 1932.

If he had collected no other plant, his fame would have been assured with his sending to his employer probably the 'best' (if one can label any species 'the best'!) of the *Coelogyne* species, *Coelogyne mooreana* from Annam (now Vietnam) in 1905. It flowered the following year and was immediately awarded a First-Class Certificate - as you can see from the accompanying illustration, with good reason!

Sander named the species after F.W. Moore of the Glasnevin Botanic Garden in Dublin and it was formally described in the *Kew Bulletin* in 1907 by R.A. Rolfe, the founder of *The Orchid Review*.

I am surprised that more literature has not been devoted to this species which is, to my undoubtedly biased eye, the most spectacular and 'best' *Coelogyne* species and an orchid which, when well-flowered, can hold its own against any competition. It is a 'neat' plant with tidy ovoid pseudobulbs and long, handsome leaves. The erect inflorescence can grow to 50cm and hold three to eight wonderful flowers approx. 10cm broad. All floral segments are a pristine snow-white with a golden to dark orange disc on the mid-lobe of the lip. Rentoul (1982) describes it as "*Coelogyne mooreana* probably fills the place of the best and brightest (*Coelogyne*)".

At least one hybrid has been made with the species, the attractive *Coelogyne Memoria* W. Micholitz 1950, using the beautiful *Coelogyne lawrenceana*. Again, to my 'eye' the hybrid does not match the beauty of the 'mooreana' parent.

So why don't we read more and see more of this species? Perhaps one answer lies with its reputation as a 'tricky' grower. Rentoul (1982) maintains that *Coelogyne mooreana* is one of the more difficult of the genus to cultivate and certainly some experienced species growers have had trouble with cultivation, especially in winter but, note the comment of the authors Charles and Margaret Baker, who write with knowledge on orchid species "it is amongst the easiest of the genus to grow and flower with no special cultural demands or requirements".

As with all species orchids, consideration of its habitat holds the key to its cultivation.

*Coelogyne mooreana* grows in the Lang Bien Mountains near Dalat, approximately 240km northeast of Ho Chi Minh City. It is found at an elevation of 1200 to 1300 metres. Its yearly maximum temperature is approx. 28°C in April (October equivalent in the Southern Hemisphere) and its low is approx. 12°C in January (July in the Southern Hemisphere). Rainfall is dramatically decreased in winter and is heavy in summer. The plants [must] have good air movement at all times. Winter is the brightest season as the summers in this part of Vietnam are characterized by a heavy cloud cover

Using these habitat notes as a guide, I tried the following on the back division of *Coelogyne mooreana* 'Brockhurst' FCC/RHS, kindly given to me a couple of years ago by Mike Hynes, one of Sydney's best species growers with an enviably collection of plants. My plant is under potted in a 'Port Pot' with sphagnum moss as the medium. Air movement is provided by fans both over the benches and under bench (thus moving around some of the lovely cool, moist air from the floor area). In summer the plant grows under two layers of 50% shade cloth and in winter all shade cloth is removed, and the plant grows under clear glass. It is sparingly watered in winter - in fact, the 'sphag' goes quite dry but the plant is misted about three times a week to approximate the dews which plants enjoy even when the rainfall is non-existent.

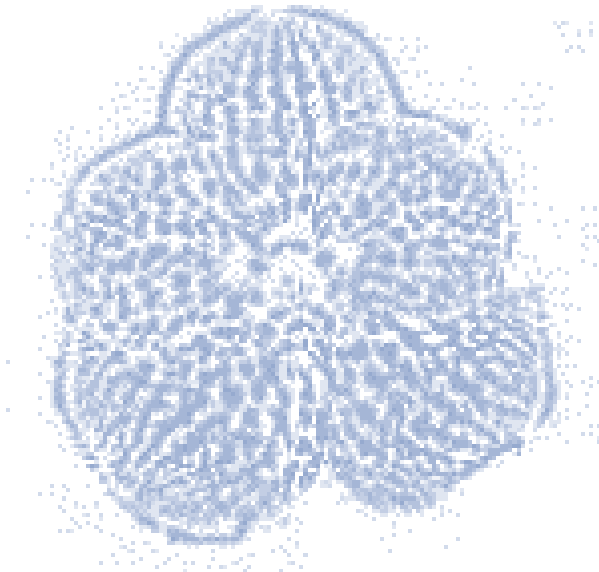
As I write this (mid-January) a fat healthy flower spike is appearing in the centre of the new growth. I do hope that writing of the appearance of the flower spike is not the proverbial 'kiss of death'!

One important cultural factor I almost forgot to mention. Do not let water lodge in the new growth. This can easily cause rot to set in and, on a flowering growth, the obvious loss of a long-awaited beauty.

Port Macquarie, NSW

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**DATE**

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6<sup>th</sup> October

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Changes in judging orchids

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