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In Nov. for the second month straight, Sarka Laznicka's *Phal* Sea Breeze took first place in 2nd Div.

Jan. meeting on the third Wednesday of the month at the Adelaide West Uniting Church hall.  
312 Sir Donald Bradman Drive Brooklyn Park.

**Next Meeting WEDNESDAY January 17th 2018.**

## **The Executive Committee of the S.A. Orchidaceous Society Inc.**

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## **LIFE MEMBERS**

**Brian Brand Shirley Brand Alan Davies, Iris Davies,  
Kevin Gurney, Trevor Jacob, Margaret Jacob, Deane Johnston,  
Noel Oliver and Kel Staples.**

*New Year's Best Wishes to all our members and families.*

## **2018 PROGRAMME**

**January 17th 2017.**

**Judging registrar, Don Higgs reviews 2017's Seedlings, plus  
others.impressive plants from last season.**

We acknowledge the fine photographic work of John Seidel whose photos always look impressive on the large screen.

Plant competitions leading towards the Annual Aggregate points competition will commence. this month.

## **BIRTHDAYS FOR JANUARY 2018**

Happy Birthday to these members who are having birthdays this month.

Denise Cassar Anton Drew John Dunn Ralph Edwards  
Jane Higgs Murray Page John Seidel Lucy Spear.

<b>Next Committee Meeting:</b>	Pulteney Grammar School	<b>22nd January2018</b>	7.30pm
<b>Next Judges Meeting</b>	Pulteney Grammar School.	<b>To be confirmed .</b>	7.30pm
<b>Next SA Regional Judging Panel Meeting:</b>	Pulteney Grammar School	<b>To be confirmed</b>	7.30pm

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Season's greetings to all our members and their families for 2018. We hope that 2018 will be a better year for our members who have suffered traumatic events in the year just gone. We are reminded how much gardening, orchid growing and the friends that those activities nurture can help us deal with life's problems. .

We look forward with anticipation of the new season's growth of our plants, and of the opportunities to develop friendships with all our orchid growing friends.

Now that the hectic Christmas/New year season's activities are concluded, your Committee will be actively working to finalise a programme of interesting speakers on aspects of orchid culture, and we are confident that we will have subjects of benefit to you. If you have any requests or suggestions which might have general appeal, your ideas will be most welcome. Your ideas and viewpoints are likely to be valued by other members too. Good growing for 2018.

Last year, rising costs forced us to increase subs. but efforts to contain expenses worked out well, and there are no changes this year.



*Deane Johnston*

## **VALE.**

Last year we extended our condolences to Jenny Johnston on the passing of Jenny's father just prior to our Christmas Social meeting. This year, history has repeated itself, with the passing of Jenny's mother just before our recent Christmas meeting. Our very sincere sympathy is sent to Jenny, Deane, and their family.

## **LAST MEETING**

On the afternoon of our Christmas meeting a number of our members bustled in early and prepared a bright and cheerful hall full of decorations and great table layout. An enjoyable meal commenced about 6.30 pm, with plenty to eat, and a good variety of food as well. The new caterers did a commendable job by all accounts, and we had plenty of good Christmas fare to fill us up.

Unfortunately, one of Santa's reindeer developed a dose of colic, and Santa was unable to come along. He did, however, manage to send an e-mail to a couple of his elves, who, disguised as members, managed to carry out Santa's duties to everyone's satisfaction.



. Don Higgs announced winners of prizes and trophies to the growers who were successful in winning aggregate



prizes for the various judging divisions and Perpetual Trophy categories (see later)

Our resident orchestra, in the persons of Pauline Simcock and Diana Bird provided some appropriate and very welcome renditions of Christmas music and carols. Christmas is just not the same without Christmas carols, is it? Thank you, ladies



The Christmas Raffle, always a feature at this meeting, was well supported, thanks to the generosity of many present. We hope you enjoyed it this year.



All in all, it seems that we had a very successful Christmas meeting this year. I hope you all enjoyed it.

. **CHEERIO's**

We wish all of our membership and their families too, best wishes, healthwise, for

the forthcoming year. A special mention this month to **Rob. Gunn**, who had a number of procedures done, and to **John Dunn**, who finally managed to get some attention for his injured knee.

### **THIS MEETING**

#### **Wednesday 17th January 2018**

John Seidel's photography skills of presenting our best orchids to best advantage will be on show this meeting. Come along to enjoy his skills at presenting many of last year's best orchids. Our Registrar, Don Higgs will present a commentary which will be of interest to those who wish to collect and grow high quality orchids

Plant competitions will start for 2018. There are no changes to the categories in each of the three judging Divisions this year.

### **SUBS FOR 2018 NOW DUE.**

**No change in subs. this year**

**\$25 single, and \$35 joint subscription..,**

Our costs over last year have been well contained, and we have no subs. Increases for 2018. Your support for our activities is appreciated.

### **PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNERS FOR 2017.**

\_\_\_\_Our Society has a number of Perpetual Trophies presented annually to the exhibitor who gains the most points over the year in a number of specific and important types of orchids.

**LAST YEAR'S WINNERS ARE**

**CYMBIDIUM CUP      PETER HALTIS**

**DRIFFIELD CUP (for Laeliinae genera)  
LESLIE & ROBERT GUNN**

MELVA OLIVER TROPHY (for  
Australian Natives classes)

**JANE & DON HIGGS**

Mem. MERV. STEELE TROPHY (for  
Popular Vote Competition)

**ANTON DREW**

Mem PETER FRENCH TROPHY (for  
Oncidiinae genera)

**ANDREW BIRD**

Mem EDITE NICHOLLS TROPHY (for  
Best Seedling)

**MICHAEL WILLOUGHBY & OUI JU.**

Mem CRAIG GURNEY TROPHY (for  
Champion PAPH at Winter Show)

**MICHAEL WILLOUGHBY & OUI JU.**

***MOST SUCCESSFUL  
EXHIBITORS for 2017***

OPEN DIVISION

**JANE & DON HIGGS**

FIRST DIVISION

**ANTON DREW**

SECOND DIVISION

**BARBARA SEMMENS**

Thank you to our judges who  
evaluated the plants, and those who  
recorded the results each month, and at  
our Shows.

Thank you also to Jill Taylor, who  
allowed the Panel to invade her home for  
our final judging meeting for the year

**PLANT GROWING COMPETITION.**

How are your plants in the plant  
growing competition coming along?  
Mine's growing nicely, but my better half's  
plant looks like it could do with a feed and  
water.



Seriously, our judging panel will soon  
be in a position to announce the first  
viewing of plants in the competition.

**DEMISE OF AN ICON.**

We are sad to announce to  
cym. growers in our Society that the  
specialist "Australian Cymbidium Scene"  
magazine, edited by Geoff Bailey of  
Melbourne has ceased publication, having  
succumbed to ever increasing costs. Cym  
growers will be dismayed as other  
publications had nowhere near the up to  
date information or photographs which  
that publication presented to subscribers.

**NEW AUST. ORCHID COUNCIL  
PRESIDENT APPOINTED.**

Our S.A. Regional Orchid Council  
Judging Registrar, **Graham Zerbe**, has  
recently been elected to the prestigious  
AOC Presidency. Congratulations and best  
wishes, Graham, from all at the SA  
Orchidaceous Society.

Our thanks and best wishes, too, to  
the outgoing **AOC President, Jim  
Shaughnessy**, from Mt. Gambier.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO  
ALL AND A GOOD  
GROWING YEAR FOR 2018**

