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2016 SPRING SHOW CHAMPION ORCHID.

Den Tyabb 'Young Splendour' shown by Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju.

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

Next meeting October 19th 2016.

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

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Kevin Gurney, Trevor Jacob, Margaret Jacob, Deane Johnston, ,
Noel Oliver Kel. Staples, and Peter Speer.**

2016 PROGRAMME

October 19th 2016.

Sarcochilus Feature Night. In addition to our usual judging categories, we feature the lovely Aust. Native sarcochilus species and hybrids Give our judges a workout, but bring them in early so they can be displayed at their best.

BIRTHDAYS FOR October 2016

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

Vicki Cooper Michael Ferry Helen Haltis Kevin Gurney Kevin Trevan

Members – if your name's not here and it should be, please let Trevor Jacob know.(8346 6155)
or at the meeting. .

CHEERIOS.

Best wishes to Evelyn Cuming, Jill Taylor, Judith Gardner, .and any others
below par at the moment

Peter & Val. Speer celebrate their **60th Wedding Anniversary** this month
.Congratulations!

Next Committee Meeting:	Pultenev Grammar School	24th October . 2016	7.30pm
Next Judges Meeting	Jill Taylor's home.	November. 2016.	7.30pm
Next SA Regional Judging Panel Meeting	Pultenev Grammar	10th Oct. 2016	7.30 pm.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT October 2016

All our annual shows are over and we can all take a breath and catch up, next repotting of those plants that need it before the summer hits us, although I suspect that may be a while yet, (last year mid Oct 49^c in my shadehouse)

The Spring show at Northpark Shopping Centre was a resounding success, the displays were smaller due to members being away, however the quality was excellent. On the trading table expectations were turned around and the best trading days were earlier in the week, rather than Thursday (pension day). After all expenses are taken out we will still be in the black, however this figure would have been higher had we had reasonable plants for sale on the last three days, anything of quality was snapped up, as Andrew Bird found out on Saturday, he didn't get a chance to finish labelling his plants and they were sold.

Remember our election of officers is due and nominations have to be in on the Friday after the October meeting. President, 2 Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, as well as three committee for two years. Barbara Semmens and Diana Bird indicated they will be seeking re-election.

The gold orchid broach will be drawn this meeting, see Murray Page for tickets

We will be seeking names for the Christmas Dinner 7th December 2016 so as to be able to book the caterers. Please note the early date due to our normal meeting night only being a couple of days before Christmas Day (the 14th is an annual booking by another group).

President Kevin Gurney.

LAST MEETING

Jane and Don Higgs travelled to Thailand to see the native orchids growing in their natural habitat earlier this year, and Jane showed a delightful travelogue of their exploits, featuring not only the orchids, but some fascinating social aspects of life in that exotic country. Thank you, Jane. The habitat and climatic conditions were fascinating to see, as we are often led to believe that orchids grown in tropical countries are found in lush, rain soaked regions – not always so, as we discovered from Jane's photographs.

THIS MEETING

Wednesday 19th October 2016

October is our special *Sarcochilus* night, when we make a special feature of these easily grown and available Australian native orchids. There have been great strides made with cross breeding and development of superior forms and colours in this genus over recent years, and a number of clubs make a special feature of these gems at this time of year. Once, flowering times were sharply late Oct. to November flowering time, but use of other species have seen rapid expansion of colour forms and wider spread of flowering times. Other classes remain as usual, so the judges should have a busy night this month. Please get your plants in early so that judging can begin on time.

Special classes for *Sarcs.* will be separately judged for species and hybrids, and, as usual, will be judged separately for Open, First, and Second Divisions. A prize will be awarded to the Overall Champion *Sarcochilus* selected from all Divisions.

Classes include -----

SPECIES SARCOCHILUS.

Best Sarcochilus hartmannii

Other *Sarcochilus* species

Specimen species sarco.

Seedling species sarco.

HYBRID SARCOCHILUS

Predominantly white.
Predominantly pink/red
Predominantly green/yellow
Any Other Colour
Specimen hybrid
Seedling hybrid

We will also feature a short talk about growing sarcochilus orchids.

SUPPER ROSTER

Diana Bird and Neil assisted with the after-meeting cuppa last month. This time, Neil Cooper has again offered to help, along with Andrew Bird. Thank you, members. Your help is of great benefit to members, and helps considerably with the social side of our meetings.

ELECTIONS

November meeting will be our Annual General Meeting, when we will need to elect our 2017 committee. Nomination forms will be available at the front table for those interested.

We will need a new President, two Vice-presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and at least 3 Committee persons,.

I understand that Karen Haskard will not be standing for Committee next year, due to ongoing health issues. We thank Karen for her cheery contribution to the running of our Society when she was available over the past year. We wish her our very best wishes, health-wise. Kevin Gurney will automatically be appointed to Immediate Past President.

Nominations close on Friday 21st October, when our Post Office Box will be cleared. Nomination forms will be available at the front table this meeting. Please give these positions your earnest consideration

SPRING SHOW RESULTS

We had two fine displays, one for Open Div. growers, the other for combined First & Second Div (judged separately). The quality of plants and display in the combined display was considerably improved over that in our Winter Show, and we congratulate exhibitors on the improvement. The Open Div. display was exemplary, as usual. Thank you to all who participated.

We did have some of our usual exhibitors away this year, and the remaining growers stepped up very commendably..



Reserve Champion, & part of Open Div display

Major Awards. –

GRAND CHAMPION

Den Tyabb `Young Splendour`

M Willoughby & O Ju

RESERVE CHAMPION

Cym Mary Green `Rini`

Jane & Don Higgs

CHAMPION OPEN DIVISION

Den Tyabb `Young Splendour`

M Willoughby & O Ju

CHAMPION FIRST DIVISION

Epidendrum secundum

V & N Cooper

CHAMPION SECOND DIVISION

Dendrobium gracilicaule

B Semmens

GOLD THAI ORCHID BROOCH RAFFLE.

The raffle for the gold Thai orchid brooch brought back by Kevin Gurney will be drawn this meeting, Tickets are still available at \$1 each. Make sure you get yours so you are included in the draw.

This raffle forms part of our **50** Years Anniversary celebrations.

SOCIAL OUTING –ETHELTON PLAYERS

Thank you to Alan Davies who organised a visit to the Ethelton Players Revue for over 20 members again this year. The show went off very well, and we all enjoyed the meal and entertainment.

Unfortunately one of our number had a fall at the conclusion of the evening and spent a night in hospital. She suffered a large bruise to her forehead, and grazes to her hand and knee. Jill is recovering well but had to forego her golfing outing on Friday..

Thank you to Dianne and Bevan Bird, who got her car home safely.

SPRING SHOW 2016 at NORTHPARK

Two tasteful displays of well grown plants were staged this year. The combined First and Second Div. display was a big improvement over that of our Winter Show, with black background cloth supplied by A & I Davies, adequate staging boxes, and good numbers of foliage plants to complement a much better supply of orchids. The Open Division display was well up to the standard we have come to admire and expect from our Open Div. growers. The use of maiden hair ferns give a soft finish to the displays and hide the pots. These are not as delicate as you might think, but exhibitors in the past used shallow saucers containing water to keep them moist for the duration of the show. Some kind carers often brought along

pressure sprays filled with water if the weather warranted it.

Anyway, well done, exhibitors, and thank you to all who brought along sale plants for the public to purchase. The demand for well grown flowering plants is high by people wishing to purchase gift plants. We could have sold lots more later in the week if we could have maintained the supply - something to think about for future shows.



Part of First/Second Div. display

LAST MONTH'S PLANTS.

Not a large number of plants were benched last month, but they included some very interesting orchids of high quality. Notably, we saw only one cymbidium tabled. This followed the theme of the Spring Show – not one cymbidium was exhibited in First nor Second Div.s, (although there were some very nice cyms in the Open Div.) Looks like we need more cymbidiums among our raffle prize winners each month.

The other orchids benched last month made up for this somewhat, and there were two plants of a pretty South African terrestrial *Pterygodium catholica* which I'd not seen before. I'd say this plant needs to be carried in the boot of your car – it's got the most awful smell for an

orchid that I know, and such a pretty pale green with interesting flower shape



Pterygodium catholica

Paph *Chouvettii* 'Van Dyke' has been around for years, and is still among the best novelty type paphs going round. Many paph lovers seem to have a division of this old hybrid, which attests to its sturdiness and ease of growing – a good one to add to your collection, and a reliable bloomer, too. Michael & Oui's plant was extremely well grown, and 5 of the 6 blooms were still in very good condition, with one stem supporting two blooms (a sign of good culture).

It has been a good flowering year for many of the Aust. Native orchids this year. A number of the smaller flowering varieties have been particularly impressive when presented as larger plants, and come in a variety of colour combinations. Quality of seedling crosses has been impressive, and some good ones have been flowered from our raffle prizes in recent times.



Sarcochilus falcatus

Ellen Hume has grown this plant very well on a cork block. Known as the 'orange blossom' orchid, cool, protected conditions are needed for this lovely plant to be at its best. We hope for lots of sarcs. at this month's meeting.

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COMPETITION RESULTS. September 2016

CYMBIDIUMS 60 – 90 mm

First Div
1st Pee Wee V & N Cooper

STANDARD LAELIINAE under 80mm

Open Div
1st C Dal's Good One x Slc Precious Jewel
D & J Higgs

NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUMS

Open Div
1st Chouvetii van Dyke'
M Willoughby & O Ju

DENDROBIUM

Open Div
1st Yukidaruma The King' M & E Hume
2nd Australian Ginger 'Emily'. M & E Hume
3rd Corvilles x fulginosa M & E Hume

NOVELTY PHALAENOPSIS

First Div.
1st Phal Nankung's Warrigal V & N Cooper

AUSTRALIAN NATIVE EPIPHYTE HYBRIDS

Open Div
1st Den Victorian Stripe x Vic. Flare
D & J Higgs
2nd Den Vic. Splendour M Willoughby & O. Ju
3rd Den Jesmond Gem M Willoughby & O. Ju
First Div
1st Den Peewee x Regal Affair T Hutchison
2nd Den Egret T Hutchison
3rd Den Colonial. Surprise x Bicentennial
T Hutchison

Second Div

1st Den (Aussie Springtime x Ellen) x
kingianum S Laznicka
2nd Den (Aussie Springtime x Ellen) x
kingianum S Laznicka

AUST NATIVE EPIPHYTE SPECIES

Open Div
1st *Sarco. falcatus* M & E Hume
2nd *Den speciosum* M Willoughby & O Ju
3rd *Sarco weinthalii* D & J Higgs
Second Div
1st *Den kingianum* Albert West'P & J Carman

AUST NATIVE TERRESTRIAL SPECIES

Open Div
1st *Ptst baptistii* J & D Higgs
2nd *Chiloglottis trapeziformis* J & D Higgs
3rd *Diuris corymbosa* R & L Gunn

OTHER SPECIES

Open Div
1st *Serapias neglecta* L Burgess
2nd *Pterogodium catholica* R & L Gunn
3rd *Cuitlauzina pulchella* M & E Hume
Second Div
1st *Pterogodium catholica* A Bird

ZYGOPETALINAE HYBRIDS

Open Div
1st Z Conway's Choice x Zba Adel City
R & L Gunn
2nd Z Purple Panther R & L Gunn

SEEDLING

Open Div
1st Den Tyabb x Tania's Pride
M Willoughby & Oui Ju
2nd Den Angus M & E Hume
3rd Den Tyabb M & E Hume

POPULAR VOTE

Open Div
1st Paph Chouvetii 'Van Dyke'
M Willoughby x O Ju
2nd *Sarco. falcatus* M & E Hume
3rd Den Victorian Splendour
M Willoughby & Oui Ju

First Div

1st Den Peewee x Regal Affair T Hutchison
2nd Cym Pee Wee V & N Cooper
3rd Phal Nankung's Warrigal V & N Cooper
Second Div
1st Den (Aussie Springtime x Ellen) x
kingianum S Laznicka
2nd *Pterogodium catholica* A Bird

BEST ORCHID IN EACH DIVISION.

Open Division

Paph. Chouvetii
'Van Dyke'
M Willoughby & O Ju

First Division

Den Peewee x Regal Affair

T Hutchison

Second Division

Den (Aussie Springtime x Ellen) x kingianum

S Laznicka

REGISTRAR'S CHOICE

Paph. Chouvetii

'Van Dyke'

M Willoughby & O Ju



Robert & Leslie Gunn have had great success with growing zygotepalums. Many of their plants are from recent crossings. This one at our last meeting, Z Purple Panther, was registered by them



Another view of our Adelaide West Fair from last month.

Just in case cymbidium growers are suffering from lack of flowers, I have included a photo of the Champion Cym at the Cym Club's Spring Show. It too was originally flowered as a seedling by their Past President, Wayne Baylis, one of Ben Knobben's mates. It has been available as a mericlone..

