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Joe Cassar's well grown C Kew last meeting

April. meeting on the **Third** Wednesday of the month at the Adelaide West Uniting Church hall.  
312 Sir Donald Bradman Drive Brooklyn Park. **Hall opens 7pm for 8 pm start**

**Next Meeting WEDNESDAY April 19<sup>th</sup> 2017.**

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**2017 PROGRAMME  
APRIL 19<sup>th</sup> 2017.**

**PANEL DISCUSSION.**

Most members are interested in learning how other local growers grow and manage their orchid collections and this month we are to hear from a panel of successful members about how they house and manage their orchid plants. These sessions invariably raise a number of interesting facts and ideas which we can incorporate into our own growing practices. Come along and enjoy the meeting this month

**Birthdays for April 2017.**

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

Karen Haskard Trevor Stutley Lesley Gunn. Sheila Hellawell  
Shirley Little Tony Melbourne Suzanne Saunders

Members – if your name's not here and it should be, please let Trevor Jacob know. . 8346 6155

**Supper roster this month:**

**Geoff. & Lucy Spear** have kindly volunteered to help serve our after-meeting cuppa this month. We appreciate the help of all our volunteers. Thank you.

**Next Committee Meeting:** Pulteney Grammar School Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm  
**Next Judges Meeting** Pulteney Grammar School. Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 7.30pm  
**Next SA Regional Judging Panel Meeting:** Pulteney Grammar School **Tues, 13<sup>th</sup> June** 7.30pm

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Society activities for this year are heating up, in contrast with the weather, which has turned quite autumnal with cool nights seeing some of the heaters in glasshouses firing up over the cool nights we have been experiencing. Our social activities are under way, as the members and friends who attended our recent boat trip on the Port River will tell you. A very pleasant day for those who attended, with dolphin and pelicans to see, and the Navy ships in port. Our next outing, a trip to the Gorge Wildlife Park, is a favourite with those who are able to attend. It has been some three years since our last visit, and we recommend the outing, rain or shine. (see details further on in the Review) Please let Alan Davies know if you have more ideas which could be of interest to members.

Quality of plants benched has been very pleasing, and will be even more so for our cymbidium growers as the season approaches..

**Deane Johnston**

## CHEERIO

We send a cheerio to John Dunn, who is having some mobility problems at present, and hope you'll soon be kicking goals again for our Champion football team. Best wishes, John.

## LAST MEETING

Garry Simcock's talk about his upside down solar water heater for his glasshouse, and his demonstrations of water quality and fertiliser strength with his trusty EC (electricity conductivity) meter was most interesting. His point about not mixing calcium fertiliser application with the general NPK fertilisers was timely and important. Mixing them together precipitates out the resulting compounds, and results in

them combining to produce insoluble gypsum, and prevents the uptake of the normal fertiliser elements by the plant.

Did you know that the white deposits we see around the drainage hole is the resulting product gypsum, and not because of us using too high concentrations of fertilisers?. If I wasn't listening carefully enough to Garry, or if you need further enlightenment, he can set you straight if you talk to him at the meeting. A most interesting and informative talk, and I was interested to see him getting as much enjoyment from wielding the EC measurement wand as I do when mixing liquid fertilisers for my plants..



Professor Simcock in action last month.

## THIS MEETING

Oui Ju, Michael Willoughby, and Andrew Bird will be presenting us with information about their growing houses and conditions for their orchids and other plants this meeting. Another practical application of the housing and growth for our own plants. Don't miss it.

## SHOW DATES and SCHEDULES FOR 2017.

Plug them in on your calendar now.  
SAROC FAIR. Long weekend in June – put in Friday afternoon June 9<sup>th</sup> - details as in last month's Review.  
MID YEAR SHOW Klemzig Community Centre. Put in Sat. 8<sup>th</sup> July

from 7.30 am Judging commences approx. 9.30 Trading table opens approx. 11am, but show access starts only when judging finishes (approx.)12 n. Table top display areas available for you to have your own display..

**WINTER SHOW** Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August. New venue this year.at Gilles Plains Shopping Centre (Opposite Holden Hill Police Station) Put in at 8am Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Take out & cleanup approx. 4pm 12th Saturday

**SPRING SHOW** Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> to Sat. 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. at North Park Shopping Centre Main North Rd Prospect. Put in Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 8 am Take out Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. at 4 pm. Trading table will operate during shopping hours. Provided we get enough support from members in providing plants for sale , and enough support in manning the sales tables.

### **PROGRAMME OF GUEST SPEAKERS.**

**MAY** James Argent & John Seidel  
Preparing flowers/plants for  
photography and display

**JUNE** Paul Diplugia on Neutrog  
fertiliser products – a success story for  
South Australia

**JULY** Philip Smoult Mobile  
Horticultural Suppliers. Expert  
information on all your growing needs.

**AUGUST** Roger Herraman Topic to  
be selected.

**SEPTEMBER** Potting demos. on  
popular orchids – panel to be selected.

**OCTOBER** Trevor Garrard Growing  
orchids in a school environment.

**NOVEMBER** Annual general  
meeting plus more on growing the new  
sarcochilus with Kevin Trevan & T Jacob.

**DECEMBER** Christmas dinner and  
social evening.

### **SOCIAL NEWS and OUTINGS.**

Our recent social outing for a Port River Dolphin Cruise proved to be a most enjoyable day for those who were able to attend, with sightings of dolphins and pelicans included.

Our next outing is a visit to the **Gorge Wildlife Park - Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup>**. The Society will provide sausages, patties, bread, cutlery and plates for a barbecue lunch, but we would like those coming to bring a salad to share with others. We have been a number of times previously, and it's a good outing for grown-ups and children. Barbecue facilities are under cover. Access to the animals , in my opinion, is superior to the Adelaide zoo, and each time we've been before, everyone had a great time. Alan Davies has been able to arrange a group discount admission. Prices are \$14 each for adults, Seniors \$12 each. Children 3 to 15 are \$8, under 3 yrs. free. We'll need to get an idea of numbers attending for catering purposes, and to let the Park people have some idea of our numbers as we've booked their barbecue facilities, so please consider whether you'll be able to attend.

**SAROC FAIR** Dinner, Saturday night 10th June The evening meal will be catered for, and will cost \$25 per head. For the first time, it will be held at the Torrens Parade ground, so will be somewhat of a unique event. Parking is available. We expect bookings to be heavy from patrons.

If you're going, payment of at least a deposit of \$15 must be made to Garry Simcock by 1<sup>st</sup> May. To make it easier for Garry, who will be collecting full payments, deposits, and our Subs next meeting, we suggest the full payment be made in one hit. This will also help the SAROC treasurer, Bob Gunn, who

will need to collect the unpaid remainder on the night of the dinner.

If you're supplying plants for our display, (orchids or foliage) you should get them there early on Friday afternoon, so our display can be finished before judging starts at 6pm.

That'll give you time to inspect the vendors' wares before the public arrive on Saturday morning.- a distinct advantage if you're looking for the pick of the traders' stocks.

### REVIEW OF BYLAWS.

Committee has conducted a review of our Society Bylaws, principally to attempt to make our Promotional Points rules easier to understand. A few grammatical changes have been made as well. We will provide each membership with a copy of the revised Bylaws as soon as practicable.

### PLANTS LAST MONTH.

Again last month we saw some interesting plants. One of the most intriguing must have been Geoff Spears' species *Stanhopea wardii*, whose flowers grow straight down through the potting mix, making it essential to grow it in a basket which will allow the pointed flower spikes to poke through. .Hard to transport, but easy for Geoff to grow. He flowers it every year, but often it blooms between meetings and the flowers are only short-lived.



Note the pointy new spike poking through the basket. Many stanhopeas will grow in a shadehouse.



Another weirdo, *Gongora galeata* has many spikes hanging like bunches of grapes Easy to grow ,too.



*Oda Marguerite 'Voodoo*. A very fine derivative from the old species *Odont bictoniense*.'



*Cym dayanum*, summer flowering cym.,. Nice plant, too.t

As you can see, the above four pictures are all side on – I can get more photos in this way. Sorry.

The summer/autumn blooming cattleya alliance plants are easier to grow and bloom than the winter/spring flowering types. which need warmth to develop their pseudobulbs and buds The autumn flowering cluster type racemes are very

showy, too, as Joe Cassar showed us last meeting.



Diana Bird's pristine white *Cattleya* Photo Shoot was indeed photogenic last month.

Remember Anton Drew's *Bl* Golden Glory from the month before with both pink and golden yellow blooms on the one plant which I queried, He assures me it really is only one plant. You live and learn!. I've noticed some *Sarcochilus* plants have flowers of different colour on the same stem, Throw into the mix that some orchids, like the Wilson's *catasetum* from Feb. has both male and female flowers othe same plant, and sometimes even on the same stem. Always something different in the orchid world, isn't there.



*Pterostylis* orchids aren't always green,,either. They still look like snails on sticks, though, Jane, but I've grown to like them as I've found I can grow some and get them to come up again the next year.

## FOLIAR FEEDING.

My previous query on the effectiveness of foliar feeding resulted in some discussion I've found some comments from Dr Noel Grundon FAOC about the subject. Others have suggested that the waxy surface of some plants would prevent fertiliser from being absorbed through the leaf, necessitating spraying under the leaves so the stomata can allow fertiliser access. In addition, some orchids have thick, leathery leaves (*Den speciosum*, *Laeliinae*, *Vandas*, *Oncid*. Etc) which are CAM group plants, whose stomata open only at night, therefore making it necessary for sprays to be used at night to be effective .if absorption via stomata is the only effective way. Dr. Grundon advises that that may not be the only way fertiliser is absorbed. His very interesting report is featured in last year's *Orchids Australia* September issue , which also features discussion on root vs. foliar uptake . There's a copy in our library, if you don't already subscribe.



*Sarcochilus hirticalcar* last month.

We'll soon have to have eyesight testing for judges. This plant, *Sarcochilus hirticalcar*, stand and all, was only about 15 cm high, .so you can tell how big the blooms were.

Have a safe and enjoyable EASTER break..

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## COMPETITION RESULTS March 2017

### SPECIES CYMBIDIUMS

#### Second Div.

1<sup>st</sup> *Cym dayanum* S Laznicka.

### STANDARD LAELIINAE 80mm & OVER

#### Open Div

1<sup>st</sup> C Mini Surprise `Merrigum` D & J Higgs

2<sup>nd</sup> C Dal's Choice R & L Gunn

3<sup>rd</sup> C Elusive Dream R & L Gunn

#### Second Div.

1<sup>st</sup> C Photo Shoot D Bird

### STANDARD LAELIINAE UNDER 80mm

#### Open Div

1<sup>st</sup> *Slc* Jillian Lee `Joyce` D & J Higgs

### NON STANDARD LAELIINAE

#### Open Div

1<sup>st</sup> *Rlc* Hawaiian Passion `Kermie` R & B  
Wilson

#### First Div

1<sup>st</sup> *Bl* Golden Glory A Drew

### NON STANDARD CLUSTER LAELIINAE

#### Open Div

1<sup>st</sup> *Ctt* Valentine Day `Susie` R & B Wilson

2<sup>nd</sup> *Ctt* Valentine Day `Paradise` J& K Whibley

#### Second Div

1<sup>st</sup> C Kew J & D Cassar`

2<sup>nd</sup> *Ctt* Valentine Day ` P & A Steer

3<sup>rd</sup> C Kew J & D Cassar

### SPECIES LAELIINAE

#### Second Div

1<sup>st</sup> *Psh radiata* R Riggs

2<sup>nd</sup> *Psh cochleata* P & A Steer

### OTHER SPECIES

#### Open Div

1<sup>st</sup> *Stanhopea wardii* G & L Spear

#### First Div

1<sup>st</sup> *Ornithophora radicans* A Bird

2<sup>nd</sup> *Gongora galeata* A Bird

#### Second Div

1<sup>st</sup> *Gongora galeata* P & A Steer

### NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUM

#### First Div

1<sup>st</sup> Fujiwara A Bird

### AUST NATIVE EPIPHYTE HYBRIDS.

#### Open Div

1<sup>st</sup> *Sarco* Bonanza `Lac Noll` M & E Hume

2<sup>nd</sup> *Sarco* Velvet `Chocolate` M & E Hume

3<sup>rd</sup> *Sarco* Amber Dawn No.1 M & E Hume

### AUST NATIVE EPIPHYTE SPECIES

#### Open Div.

1<sup>st</sup> *Sarco hirticalcar* D & J Higgs

### AUST NATIVE TERRESTRIAL SPECIES

#### Open Div

1<sup>st</sup> *Ptst coccinna* D & J Higgs

2<sup>nd</sup> *Ptst coccinna* D & J Higgs

### STANDARD PHALAENOPSIS

#### First Div

1<sup>st</sup> Panther A Drew

### OTHER HYBRIDS

#### Open Div

1<sup>st</sup> *Fdk* After Dark x *Ctism fimbriatum*

R & B Wilson

2<sup>nd</sup> *Phrag.* Mem Dick Clements D & J Higgs

### ONCIDIINAE

#### Open Div

1<sup>st</sup> *Onc* .Space Mine `Red Shot` R & L Gunn

2<sup>nd</sup> *Oda* Marguerite `Voodoo` R & L Gunn

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Div

1<sup>st</sup> *Onc.* Sharry Baby P & A Steer

### ZYGOPETALINAE

#### Open Div

1<sup>st</sup> Z Clare Fisher `Polly` G & L Spear

### SEEDLINGS

#### Open Div

1<sup>st</sup> *Ctism* Bella's Dream B & R Wilson

2<sup>nd</sup> *Sarco* Amber Dawn N<sup>o</sup>.11 M & E Hume

3<sup>rd</sup> *Sarco* Velvet `Chocolate` M & E Hume

### POPULAR VOTE

#### Open Div

1<sup>st</sup> *Fdk* After Dark x *Ctism fimbriatum*  
R & B Wilson

2<sup>nd</sup> *Stanhopea wardii* G & L Spear

3<sup>rd</sup> *Rlc* Hawaiian Passion `Kermie`  
R & B Wilson

#### First Div

1<sup>st</sup> *Phal.* Panther A Drew

2<sup>nd</sup> *Gongora galeata* A Drew

#### Second Div.

1<sup>st</sup> *Ctt* Kew J & D Cassar

2<sup>nd</sup> C Photo Shoot D Bird

**BEST ORCHID IN DIVISION**

**Open Division**

*Fdk. After Dark* x  
*Ctsm. fimbriatum*

B & R WILSON

**First Division**

*Phalaenopsis Panther*

A DREW

**Second Division**

*Cattleya Kew*

J & D CASSAR

**REGISTRAR'S CHOICE**

*Fdk. After Dark* X  
*Ctsm. fimbriatum*

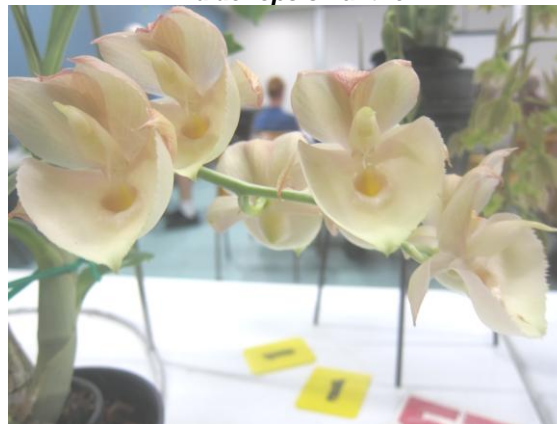
B & R WILSON



*Fdk. After Dark* x *Ctsm fimbriatum*



*Phalaenopsis Panther*



*Ctsm. Bella's Dream*



*Phrag Mem Dick Clements*



*C Mini Surprise 'Merrigum'*