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Aust. Native species *Den wasselli* 'Olly' shown by Noel Oliver

July. 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 July 19th 2017

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Deane Johnston, Noel Oliver, and Kel. Staples.**

2017 PROGRAMME

July 19th 2017.

Mr. Philip Smoult, Mobile Horticultural Suppliers.

Philip Smoult has spoken before at our meetings. He has an extensive knowledge of the latest in supplies and products for the orchid/garden grower and their correct application to our plants. You will have seen him at the SAROC Fair where he had a range of the products he handles. He will also deliver to your home address.

Birthdays for July 2017.

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

Ian Attenborough	Robyn Dunn	Nan Grigg	Mark Hockey
Pauline Hockey	Trevor Jacob	Rayne Riggs	Barbara Semmens.

Supper roster this month:

Garry Simcock & John Carman helped hand out our cuppa at the meeting's end last month., Thank you, boys, and..thank you to all our volunteers. Diana Bird and Margaret Jacob have volunteered to help serve the cuppa at the conclusion of this month's meeting. Your help is appreciated.

Next Committee Meeting:	Pulteney Grammar School	Monday 24th July	7.30pm
Next Judges Meeting	Pulteney Grammar School.	Monday 31st July 2017	7.30pm
Next SA Regional Judging Panel Meeting:	Pulteney Grammar School	Mon, 9th Oct	7.30pm

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The cold nights of winter certainly affect our numbers attending meetings with many apologies for non-attendance last month.

We also have a number of members battling health issues at present; we wish them well and hope to see them back at meetings soon. For those who could attend our June meeting enjoyed a presentation from Paul Dipuglia of the Neutrog company.

With the SAROC fair now come and gone so too has our mid-year show at Klemzig. Numbers of flowers were down on previous years but members still managed to bring along and exhibit over 120 flowering plants. The orchid season is particularly late not only in South Australia but in Victoria and New South Wales too.

Thank you to all the members who supported the mid-year show either as exhibitors or helpers.

This meeting we will need final numbers and payment for our dinner meeting in August. The August meeting will also be the night we will have available the Cymbidium seedlings for our seedling competition, we have ordered a few extra's if you have not reserved one yet.

Philip Smoult from Smoult Horticultural products will be our guest speaker this month and have a range of products for sale, hope to see you then

Deane Johnston

CHEERIO

A big cheerio to Phil. Steer, Mark Hockey, and Faye Cawse this month, We send you all our very best wishes, and to all other members on the sick list as well ..

LAST MEETING

It is always good to hear about success stories with local companies, especially those who have products of practical interest and use to us as orchid

growers, and last meeting Paul Dipuglia, from Neutrog Products .brought us up to date with their latest fertiliser products, and provided samples for members present at the meeting. Thank you, Paul.

THIS MEETING

I always like to hear Phillip Smoult's talks about latest products and innovations in horticulture.. Sometimes we buy products without knowing their interactions with others. Phil knows what is compatible with what, and is always interesting to listen to. Items for sale, too.

Plants on display, as well, and **important information** on our **Winter Show**, fast coming up on the **week starting SATURDAY 5th August** **NOTE NOTE NOTE!!!**

SAROC FAIR INVOLVEMENT

We had a successful exhibit at the SAROC Fair, and had some of the best quality orchids amongst our display. Noel Oliver took out Grand Champion with *Dendrobium Wamboral* which has the Aust native *Den. teretifolium* as one parent, whilst Bob & Lesley Gunn had the reserve Champ with the showy red miltonidium (photo last month). Then there was the Higgs's dramatic *Phrag besseae*, with one brilliantly coloured red bloom – an award standard species brought back as a seedling from Ecuador



Phragmipedium besseae



Grand Champion *Den Wamberal*



Eyecatching miltioniopsis in our display

PROGRAMME OF GUEST SPEAKERS.

JULY Philip Smoult Mobile Horticultural Suppliers. Expert information on all your growing needs.
 AUGUST Dinner at the hall then Roger Herraman "A visit to the SANTA BARBARA (USA) orchid show."
 SEPTEMBER Potting demos. on popular orchids – panel to be selected.
 OCTOBER Trevor Garard 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.

DINNER MEETING AUGUST

Before our usual meeting start at 8pm in August, we will be having dinner at the hall. The Society will provide roast chicken and pizza, bread etc. Dessert will be home made fruit salad and ice cream, We ask members to bring a salad to share with the dinner Cost \$5 per head.

There will be distribution of seedlings for the plant competition, and distribution of prizes from the Mid Year Show.

MID YEAR SHOW 8th and 9th July KLEMZIG COMMUNITY HALL

Socially, our Mid Year show was a big success, but public response to our advertising was mixed – printed media chose to ignore the information we supplied, but wireless media advertising was more successful. We had some lovely plants on the trading table, both orchids and 'others' and some people got good bargains. The late season saw a reduced number of plants displayed this year, but there were some beautiful, high class orchids displayed.

The Gunn's Grand Champion *Cattleya* Mini Purple 'Dendi' was large, flat, and beautifully coloured, superior in quality in my (and others) opinion, to a NSW one submitted for award ratification at the Regional AOC Judges meeting on July 10

Reserve Champion was the Higgs's specimen sized *Oncidium maculatum*

They also showed a large, red phragmipedium hybrid which showed the breeding influence of the grandparent red *Phrag. besseae*. The dramatic very large size must have come from *Phrag. cautatum* influence. All in all. a most impressive and interesting plant, growing in a smallish, cut down soft drink bottle, with drainage holes not at the bottom, but about 3cm up the

side, so that there's always moisture around the plant's roots.



Phrag. Fliquet from Jane & Don Higgs

First Div. Champion was a large, beautifully flowered *Coelogyne speciosa* staged by Anton Drew (another of his specialty orchids which we seldom see grown here). Included in Trevor & Margaret's large table top display was a very nice dark brown *Cym tracyanum* grown by Michael Ferry, which was First Division's Best Cymbidium.

Champion Second Div. was a very well grown plant of *Paph insignis*, staged by Peter Haltis. He also had a fine large flowered *Cym tracyanum*, lemon yellow background with fine spotting on a long spike among his table display plants.

There's lots of hall space with beautiful lighting, so we encourage more members to bring along plants to stage your own tabletop exhibits. Keep it in mind for next year..

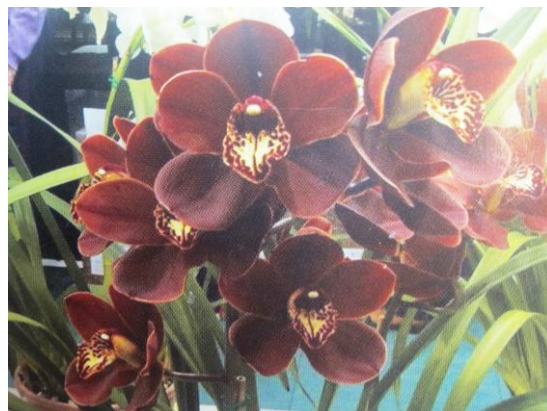
Congratulations to all exhibitors, and the members who helped with the canteen and sales tables, and potting demos., and with plants of all types for sale., and for just coming along and being part of our mid-year show.

CYMBIDIUM PLANT COMPETITION

Deane Johnston has sourced a crossing for our growing competition

which is confidently expected to yield some very fine hybrids

It is Apache Flame 'Kahlua' x Pepper Blaze 'Flame'



Apache Flame 'Kahlua'



Seedling from Apache Flame 'Kahlua'



Seedling from Pepper Blaze 'Flame'

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR SHOW 'PUT IN' AT SHOPPING CENTRES,

Kevin Gurney has been leading the negotiating for our Winter and Spring Shows at Shopping Centres. He received an e-mail recently advising that the previously operating timetables and conditions for entry have been changed. Thank you for the following notes, Kevin.

“After recent discussions with centre management of both Gilles Plains Shopping Centre, (cnr Sudholz Rd and Northeast Rds). and Northpark Shopping Centre, the times for putting in displays for both centres have changed significantly.

We are no longer able to access the centres out of hours, (due in part to the world we live in) and therefore put in for the show at Gilles Plains will be 3.30PM to 5.30PM on the Saturday 5th August with the trading table being set up on Sunday 6th August at 11.00AM . We will accept plants for sale on the Saturday, - however they will be put into a secure area overnight. Judging will also take place on the Sunday.

Northpark, at this stage will be the same deal although I am looking at the possibility of plants being brought in earlier and judged in the shop available (depending on the lighting) before setup at 3.30PM on the 18th September.

I remind all members of the society to support the shows, and in particular if you wish to sell plants, manning the trading table is a must. If we cannot get the support from members committee will have to look at the viability of running week long shows.

KEVIN GURNEY

POTTING MIXES AND DRAINAGE

Orchid roots need good aeration to develop strongly and support uptake of water and nutrients. Potting ingredients

should have approx. the same size particles to prevent the finer particles washing down and clogging the inter-particle spaces in the mix. Large pots (bucket size will naturally hold more moisture ,and I use coarser grade bark in these, but smaller pots tend to dry out faster, and will need more frequent watering, a higher proportion of moisture retaining ingredients and/or a finer grade of bark in your mix.

Don't forget to check that drainage holes are clear, and a few more holes burnt with a hot soldering iron or drilled will help improve drainage and hence aeration. I've noticed that plants kept too long between repottings have a high proportion of finer particles or broken down mix at the bottom. If it's the wrong time to repot, (like now) remove the plant from the pot and a squirt with the hose will wash out the clogging mix from the base of the plant . Repack a bit of fresh mix at the bottom, and make a note to repot properly when the weather warms up in Spring.. This will help prevent waterlogged roots

PLANTS LAST MONTH.

.Members attending were down last meeting, consequently plant numbers were also down, but we still had many quality plants benched.. Blooms last longer this time of year, and we often see plants tabled in consecutive months if your conditions are satisfactory.

Cym buds are moving, although slowly ,and small slugs are about. I'm trying a strip of wool tied around the spikes, and impregnated with slug repellent copper based liquid like “Escar-go” or similar,- but keep it off your buds Philip Smoult stocks it.

THAI SPECIES in the SHADEHOUSE

In 2014 whilst on tour in Thailand with Peter Williams, over a beer or two I stated that I believed it would be possible to grow some of the species we had seen in

my shadehouse in Adelaide. I came home and set about purchasing some plants I thought would possibly grow OK.

I no longer have a controlled environment glasshouse, so all my orchids are now grown in the shadehouse, which in Summer can reach 49° and be very dry sometimes, I try to keep up the humidity as best I can, but the Northern hot winds do tend to dry things out very quickly. So consequently not exactly the same growing conditions seen in Northern Thailand.

Plants initially purchased were *Dendrobium thyrsiflorum*, *D fimbriatum*, *D lindleyi*, *D secundum*, *D jenkinsii*, *D densiflorum*, *D moschatum*, *Coelogyne nitida*, *D nobile*, and *D unicum*. All were bought as small plants, the thinking that if this did not do well then the loss would not be so great. *Den lindleyi*, *jenkinsii* and *unicum* were all attached to bits of wood so did not do well in my environment and so have died, *Coelogyne nitida* also requires a bit cooler than I can provide, so will be passed on to one of our members before it succumbs. The other plants have grown well and are building up to nice plants, so much so that this year 2016 I have flowered 4 of them rather well, all of them between meetings so I was unable to bench them, maybe next year.

Because of the growing environment they will never flower as well as we see them in the wild in Thailand, however *D thyrsiflorum* flowered with 17 spikes of approx. 26 flowers and about 3mm smaller than we see in Thailand. *D fimbriatum* is still building up so one spike of flowers, 6 on the spike which is the norm however considerably smaller. *D secundum* has one spike of 29 flowers, size is about right however they can have up to 50 flowers. *Den nobile* is obviously the easiest to grow under those conditions and flowered well and will continue to do so as it builds up in size.

It has been a steep learning curve to get the best out of these plants, they grow hanging in the shadehouse in pots, and hang about 600mm from the shadecloth, however around November they are dropped down considerably to take advantage of the humidity from the babies tears growing on the floor. They are watered daily from November to March as summer in Thailand is the wet season, and it is also the growing time for most of the dens. I am using slow release fertilizer as this best replicates the wild, and this appears to be working for me.

I have recently bought 3 more plants to continue on with this experiment, and will continue to build the collection as I can, and hopefully will be able to bench these plants in the future for all to see.

By KEVIN GURNEY.



Thank you, Kevin. I wish more members would consider writing a few notes or articles for our Review. It would make our magazine so much more interesting.

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COMPETITION RESULTS June 2017

CYMBIDIUMS 60-90 mm

Second Div

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|-----------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| 1 st | Mesa Zia x Peter Pan | P & H Haltis` |
| 2 nd | Pendragon `Broadmoor` | P & H Haltis |
| 3 rd | Mesa Zia `Preview` | G & P Simcock |

CYMBIDIUMS UNDER 60 mm

Open Div

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|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|
| 1 st | Pharaoh's Dream | B Knobben |
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STANDARD LAELIINAE 80mm & OVER

Second Div

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| 1 st | Bc Donna Kimura x C Horace `Maxima` | P & J Carman |
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STANDARD LAELIINAE UNDER 80mm

Second Div

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| 1 st | Ctt Aussie Sunset x Rth Dal's Emperor | P & A Steer |
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NON STANDARD LAELIINAE

Open Div

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|-----------------|--|----------|
| 1 st | (Ctt Chocolate Drop x Slc Bronzed Aussie)` | J Seidel |
| 2 nd | C Towering Inferno x C Portiata | J Seidel |

NON STANDARD CLUSTER CATTLEYA

Open Div

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|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1 st | Ctt Valentine Day | V & N Cooper |
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SPECIES LAELIINAE

Open Div

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| 1 st | L anceps var Chamberlain's | L & R Gunn |
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Second Div

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| 1 st | Psh cochleata | P & A Steer |
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STANDARD PHALAENOPSIS

Second Div

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| 1 st | Mini Purple | G & P Simcock |
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OTHER GENERA HYBRID

Open Div

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| 1 st | Masd Cha Cha Cha `Foxy Lady` | J Seidel |
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OTHER GENERA SPECIES

First Div`

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|-----------------|----------------------------|--------|
| 1 st | Coel swaniana | A Drew |
| 2 nd | Coel speciosa | A Drew |
| 3 rd | Coel speciosa ssp speciosa | A Drew |

NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUM

Open Div

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|-----------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| 1 st | Pop Monkhouse `West Richmond` | J Seidel |
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First Div`

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|-----------------|------------------|--------|
| 1 st | Vanguard | A Bird |
| 2 nd | Primcolor | A Bird |
| 3 rd | Maudiae x Hellas | A Bird |

SPECIES PAPHIOPEDUM

Open Div

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|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| 1 st | gratrixianum | J Seidel |
| 2 nd | villosum | M Willoughby & Oui Ju |
| 3 rd | insigne | J Seidel |

AUST NATIVE EPIPHYTE HYBRIDS.

Open Div

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|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 st | Ellen Surprise x Aussie Victory | P McCauly |
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First Div

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| 1 st | Den Hilda Poxon x Val Peck | T Hutchison |
| 2 nd | Anne's Rainbow Surprise | T Hutchison |

Second Div

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| 1 st | Den Hilda Poxon | P & H Haltis |
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AUST NATIVE EPIPHYTE SPECIES

Open Div

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| 1 st | Den wasselli `Olly` | N Oliver |
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AUST NATIVE TERRESTRIAL HYBRIDS

Open Div

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| 1 st | Ptst x conoglossa | D & J Higgs |
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AUST NATIVE TERRESTRIAL SPECIES

Open Div

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| 1 st | Ptst ophioglossa | D & J Higgs |
| 2 nd | Ptst doliochochilum | D & J Higgs |

ONCIDIINAE

Open Div

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|-----------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 st | Zds Golden Handshake `Anzac` | M Willoughby & Oui Ju |
| 2 nd | Oip Nelly Isler | R & L Gunn |

First Div

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|-----------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1 st | Dgmra `Winter Wonderland` | T Hutchison |
| 2 nd | Beallara Marfitch `Howard's Dream` | A Bird |

ZYGOPETALINAE

Open Div

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| 1 st | Zga Zest x Kuitpo | R & L Gunn |
| 2 nd | Z Conway's Choice x Zba Adelaide City | R & L Gunn |

SEEDLINGS

Open Div

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| 1 st | Paph villosum var annamense | M Willoughby & O Ju |
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POPULAR VOTE

Open Div

- 1st *Oip* Nelly Isler R & L Gunn
2nd *Zds* Golden Handshake `Anzac`

M Willoughby & Oui Ju

- 3rd *Masd* Cha Cha Cha `Foxy Lady` J Seidel

First Div

- 1st *Paph* Vanguard A Bird

- 2nd *Beallara* Marfitch A Bird

- 3rd *Paph* Maudiae x Hellas A Bird

Second Div.

- 1st *Psh cochleata* P & A Steer

- 2nd *Den* Hilda Poxon P & H Haltis

- 3rd *Ctt* Aussie Sunset x *Roth* Dal's Emperor
P & A Steer

BEST ORCHID IN DIVISION

Open Division

***Zeloncidesa*. Golden
Handshake `Anzac`
M Willoughby & O Ju**

First Division

Coelogyne swaniana

A Drew

Second Division

***Den*. Hilda Poxon**

P Haltis

REGISTRAR'S CHOICE

***Zda* Golden Handshake
`Anzac`**

M Willoughby & Oui Ju



Cym Pharaoh's Dream Top class for early season;



Masd. Cha Cha Cha `Foxy Lady`
Better than many awarded clones.



Large tabletop display by the Brands, Michael Ferry and the Jacob's. at Mid Year Show.



A Drew's Coel. *Speciosa ssp. speciosa* last meeting.
- he had a much larger one at the Mid Year Show.



Another view of the Higg's seedling Phrag Fliquet at our Mid Year Show.



Margaret Jacob & friend at Gorge Wildlife Park outing 21/5/2017.



Ben Knobben's Cym Pharaoh's Dream last month.



Full raceme on M Willoughby & Oui Ju's Zeloncidesa last meeting.

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