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Paph godefroyae var leucochilum 'Vincent Vista'.

Newly awarded seedling shown by Michael Willoughby & Oui Ju last meeting...

March. 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 March 21st 2018.

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Deane Johnston Noel Oliver and Kel Staples.**

2018 PROGRAMME

March 21st 2018.

**Mr Ron Parish returns this month to tell us about his culture of the
intriguing stanhopea orchids from South and Central America,.**

Ron has made a specialty of studying and cultivating of many species orchids from widely diverse regions around the world. He has mastered the differing climatic conditions which some of these species demand, and continually delights local orchid growers with the variations of colour, size, and form of his plants. His photographic record of his successes is a delight to many of us who only have the opportunity to see some of these blooms from a distance. Don't miss it this meeting.

Birthdays for March 2018.

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

Joe Cassar Judith Gardner Peter Haltis Jill Taylor Kevin Whibley.

Supper roster this month: Jan and Kevin Whibley have volunteered to serve our after-meeting cuppa this month. We appreciate the help of all our volunteers, - **Geoff Spear and Lucy** last month. You missed a treat if you didn't manage to sample one of Geoff's award quality scones last meeting.

Next Committee Meeting: Pulteney Grammar School **Monday 26th March** 7.30pm
Next Judges Meeting Pulteney Grammar School. **Tuesday 3rd April 2017** 7.30pm
Next SA Regional Judging Panel Meeting: Pulteney Grammar School **Mon. April 9th** 7.30pm

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Our February meeting was well attended and it was good to see several members present who have not been able to attend recent meetings for various reasons.

Our guest speaker and member Kevin Western gave an interesting presentation on his way of growing orchids and the hot subject of fertilizers. The number of questions asked of Kevin showed the interest from our members. Thanks for your time and efforts Kevin.

Committee have been busy finalizing our 2018 shows and venues which you will find listed elsewhere in this review. As you will see the venues are the same as last year, the dates may differ a little from 2017, but size of displays will be much the same as usual. The shopping centre management have given us encouragement to expand our display areas but this will depend entirely on members support.

A reminder that our society library operates each month, we have a wide selection of books that can be borrowed. The library is located on a table near the kitchen servery area, capably operated by our society librarian Pat. Carman.

The supper roster book was circulated amongst the members last meeting. Thank you to those who have offered to prepare the coffee/tea for forth coming meetings. There are just a few spots left to fill, this part of the meeting is a good social part of our night.

We have several members with health issues at the moment and we wish them all the best.

Hope to see you at our next meeting when Ron Parish will present his talk on the weird Stanhopea orchids.

Deane Johnston

LAST MEETING

Kevin Western's talk last month gave us an insight into the practices and procedures needed to grow quality orchid plants.. There was so much information supplied that it was difficult to take in and digest all the ideas and reasoning it contained. I spoke to Kevin after the meeting, and asked whether he had some notes which we could pass on to members via our Review. He produced a fully developed digest of reasoned information on orchid culture, and with a rebuttal of some disinformation which has been promulgated to growers over a long period.

Thank you, Kevin. Even the experienced growers gained a lot by reinforcing their understanding of the good cultural practices they themselves have developed over their years of growing..

THIS MEETING

We in South Australia are fortunate to have such a depth of experienced growers who are happy to pass on their expertise to others who have not been growing orchids as long.

Ron Parish has made a study of the conditions required by many species orchids around the world, and has specialised in their culture. This month, Ron will discuss the weird Stanhopea orchids, and how to grow them. They're not as difficult as newer growers sometimes imagine, and plants are available with a bit of detective work. Come along to find out how Ron grows them.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Committee has reviewed subs for 2018, and because of the good support of members with raffle tickets, lucky squares, and plants for sale at our shows, we are travelling O.K, and subs remain at

\$25 for single, \$35 for joint subscriptions this year. . Almost everyone has renewed their subs by now. If you haven't Garry Simcock will be made very happy if you renew soon.

SHOW DATES and SCHEDULES FOR 2018.

Plug them in on your calendar now.

SAROC FAIR. Long weekend in June – put in Friday afternoon June 8th judging Friday evening- take out after 5 pm Sunday 10th. We will have a dinner at the Drill Hall on Saturday evening, with the same new caterers we had at our Christmas meeting, so it should be good.

MID YEAR SHOW Klemzig Community Centre. Put in Sat. 14th July from 7.30 am Judging commences approx. 9.30 Trading table opens approx. 11am. Show access starts when judging finishes (approx.) 12 n. Table top and floor display space available. Take out 5pm Sun. 15th

WINTER SHOW Sunday 5th to Saturday 11th August. Venue this year is again at Gilles Plains Shopping Centre (Opposite Holden Hill Police Station) Put in Sunday 6th We are trying to negotiate early access so we can put in without simultaneous public access, which will help both staging plants, and judging. Take out & cleanup approx. 4pm 11th Saturday

SPRING SHOW Sunday 23rd to Sat. 29th Sept. at North Park Shopping Centre Main North Rd Prospect. Put in Sunday 23rd September at 8 am Take out Saturday 29th Sept. at 4 pm. Trading table will operate during shopping hours. Again, we are negotiating with the Security company for early access on Sun. 23rd to help us with staging and judging. .

CHEERIO'S.

We need to advise you that long time stalwart and Life Member, Noel

Oliver is very sick in hospital at the time of writing. We send both Noel and Ilene our very best wishes.

Bob Gunn is having some health problems, too, and a big cheerio, also, to Jill Taylor, who has had a patch of poorer health lately.

SOCIAL NEWS and OUTINGS.

We are considering whether we can arrange a visit to the Beerenberg Strawberry Farm before the season ends in April. Please consider, and we'll get an indication of your support next meeting. It's a pick-your-own venue at the eastern end of Hahndorf.

PLANTS AT LAST MEETING.

Nary a one cymbidium, but I know some members are chortling about the number of spikes on their plants for this season. Strange, for we've had very little rain since Christmas to help the growths and bulbs mature.

.Lesley & Bob Gunn again showed their shapely purple C Mini Purple 'Dendi', a tribute to their culture and growing conditions, as it regularly appears on the show bench. They also showed a bright 'non standard' type, (what we used to call a novelty type.cattleya), a real eyecatcher



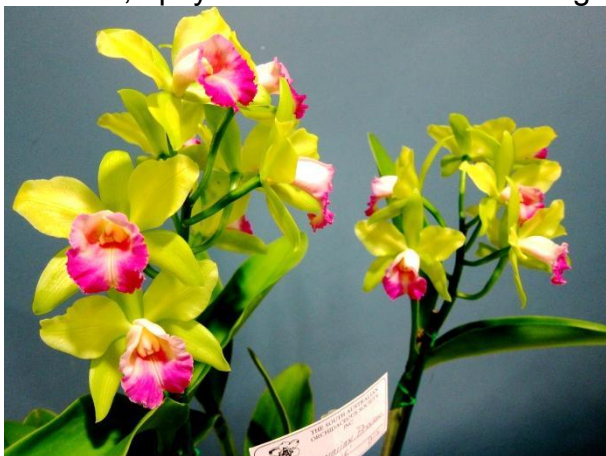
C Mark Jones x Rth Jungle Elf.

We can always tell when Autumn is around the corner when we see the bright and showy cluster type *Ctt* Valentine Day in all its purple/pink and maroon shades making their appearance. Most varieties are eyecatchers, and it's usually the culture of the plants which determines the biggest and best flower head— always easy to grow and flower , and they don't need a heated glasshouse to produce really nice blooms.



Ctt Valentine's Day

Murray & Margaret Page regularly bring along their beautiful *B/c* Hawaiian Passion 'Kermie', aptly named like Kermit the frog.



B/c Hawaiian Passion 'Kermie'

Richard & Beryl Wilson regularly exhibit this one, too. Perhaps we'll see theirs next meeting. A lovely colour combination.

Michael Willoughby and Oui Ju tabled two *Paph godefroyae* ssp *leucochilum* seedlings, both of which received high HCC awards from the Regional Judging Panel only a fortnight earlier. The better one is on the front cover page, this is the other, darker form.



Paph godefroyae 'Black Knight' HCC

Bob & Lesley Gunn brought along this zygo alliance plant, which, although labelled as a zygopetalum, didn't look quite right when we had a closed look.. Lesley and Registrar, Don Higgs checked its breeding and we determined it was a zygolum. The intense lip colouring was the reason the Gunn's purchased it whilst in South America, and when it blooms at the time another quality zygo, flowers, no doubt we'll see romance in the air.



Zygolum Luisendorf



Rlc Varut Roongkamal

Always showy, and with eye catching colours, the hardest thing about growing these catleyas. Is writing out the labels.



Coelogyne speciosa ssp speciosa.

Anton Drew has specialised in growing coelogyne. This one doesn't take up as much space as some.



Yet another *Sarcochilus hirticalcar*, this one from Jane & Don Higgs. Judges will soon have to be issued with

magnifying glasses to inspect all these tiny orchids properly. A nice form and colouration, and the only Aust. Native benched last month. This must be some sort of record.

SOME DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Annual Bromeliad Show & Sale

Saturday 24th March 9am to 3pm and Sunday 10am to 3 pm.

Maltese Cultural Centre 6 Jeannes St. Beverley. Free entry Get there early to get best pick of the sales plants.

Enfield Horticultural Soc. Autumn Show.

Saturday 14th April 12 n to 5 pm and Sunday 15th 10am to 4 pm.

Klemzig Community Centre 242 North East Rd. Klemzig Entry \$2 Featuring Ferns, Orchids, Floral Art, Potted plants, Bonsai, Cookery, .Fruit & Veg. Dahlias always a feature Trading table. Morning and afternoon refreshments available

ORCHID WISE.

Our member, Roger Rankin, was our State AOC Registrar of Judges (as we have told you previously) for many years. Over that time, he amassed a mountain of information and knowledge which led him to produce a booklet of whimsical sayings, some of which have featured on occasions in other Clubs' magazines.

Some time ago, Roger and Pauline gave permission for us to use them, too, so occasionally we will include some of these little gems in the Review. I hope you enjoy them as much as I have.

We would all do well to remember this when a new grower approaches us for information:-

"Every orchid grower was once a rank beginner"

COMPETITION RESULTS February 2018

STANDARD LAELIINAE Over 80mm

Open Div

- 1st C Mini Purple `Dendi` R & L Gunn
 2nd R/c Varut Roongkamal R & B Wilson
 3rd R/c Redland Surprise `Cassie` R & B Wilson

NON STANDARD LAELIINAE

Open Div

- 1st C Mark Jonesx Rth Jungle Elf R & L Gunn
 2nd Lc Interceps V & N Cooper

NON STANDARD CLUSTER LAELIINAE

Open Div

- 1st Ctt Valentine Day `Lisa` M & M Page
 2nd Ctt Valentine Day V & N Cooper
 3rd Ctt Valentine Day `Suzie` R & B Wilson
 First Div
 1st Blc Hawaian Passion `Kermie` M & M Page

2nd Div

- 1st Epi Autumn Symphony x Anderson

Special S Laznicka

- 2nd Ctt Bactia `Grapewax` G & P Simcock
 3rd Ctt Valentine Day `Osborne` J & D Cassar

SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUM

Open Div

- 1st Paph godefroyae var leucochilum `Vincent`
 Vista` M Willoughby & O Ju
 2nd Paph godefroyae var leucochilum `Black`
 Knight` M Willoughby & O Ju

AUST NATIVE EPIPHYTE SPECIES

Open Div.

- 1st Sarco hirticalcar J & D Higgs

ONCIDIINAE SPECIES

Open Div

- 1st Gomesa radicans J & D Higgs
 Second Div
 1st Gomesa flexuosa B Semmens
 2nd Gomesa flexuosa V Rounsefelt

ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS

Second Div

- 2nd Bcd Gilded Tower B Semmens

OTHER GENERA SPECIES

First Div

- 1st Coel speciosa ssp speciosa A Drew
 2nd Coel speciosa A Drew

OTHER GENERA HYBRIDS

Open Div

- 1st Ctsm tigrinum x fimbriatum R & B Wilson
 2nd Phrag Grande No. 1 J & D Higgs

First Div

- 1st V. Lou Sneary A Drew
 2nd Vanda Crown Fox Diva x Miss Joaquim F Cawse
 3rd Mokara Isobelle x V Kultane Gold hyb F Cawse

ZYGOPETALINAE HYBRIDS

Open Div

- 1st Zga Zest x Kuitpo L & R Gunn
 2nd Zygolum Luisendorf L & R Gunn

SEEDLINGS

Opent Div

- 1st Paph godefroyae var leucochilum `Vincent`
 Vista` M Willoughby & O Ju

- 2nd Paph godefroyae var leucochilum `Black`
 Knight` M Willoughby & O Ju

POPULAR VOTE

Open Div

- 1st C Mark Jonesx Rth Jungle Elf R & L Gunn
 2nd Ctsm tigrinum x fimbriatum R & B Wilson
 3rd Paph godefroyae var leucochilum `Vincent`
 Vista` M Willoughby & O Ju
 First Div
 1st Blc Hawaian Passion `Kermie` M & M Page

- 2nd V Lou Sneary A Drew

- 3rd Coel speciosa ssp speciosa A Drew

Second Div.

- 1st Ctt Valentine Day `Osborne` J & D Cassar
 2nd Bcd Gilded Tower B Semmens
 3rd Ctt Bactia `Grapewax` G & P Simcock

BEST ORCHID IN DIVISION

Open Division

Coel. tigrinum x fimbriatum

R & B Wilson

First Division

Blc Hawaian Passion `Kermie`

M & M Page

Second Division

Epi Autumn Symphony x
Anderson Special

S Laznicka

REGISTRAR'S CHOICE

Catasetum tigrinum x
fimbriatum

Richard & Beryl Wilson



Catasetum tigrinum x *fimbriatum*



Sarka Laznicka's epidendrum



Paph godefroyae 'Vincent Vista'-HCC Best seedling.



Vanda (Neofinetia) falcata.

Delicate pale lavender blooms and a delightful perfume. from Anton Drew.



Vanda Crownfox Diva x Miss Joaquim

Another dainty vanda from Fred Cawse.

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