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*Paphiopedilum Magic Lantern.*

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

**Next Meeting WEDNESDAY March 18th 2020.**

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## LIFE MEMBERS

1970 Spiro Drikas*	2005 Alan Davies, Iris Davies
1975 Elva Shawyer*, Gordon Shawyer* Edith Halliday*, Mervyn Green*	2013 Margaret Jacob
1976 Trevor Jacob	2014 Brian Brand, Shirley Brand
1977 Jack Moore*, Harold Luckhurst*, Ken Wynes*	2018 Lesley Gunn, Robert Gunn Don Higgs, Jane Higgs Jill Taylor
1986 Kelvin Staples*, Stan Johnston*	
1992 Peter Speer*, Deane Johnston, Frank Neighbour*, Nancy Neighbour*	
1996 Kevin Gurney, Noel Oliver*	

\*Denotes deceased member      Researched K.G configured P.S 2018.

## 2020 PROGRAMME –March 18<sup>th</sup> 2020.

Steve Howard is a very knowledgeable grower and orchid judge. His cultural notes feature in a number of local orchid bulletins, and his talk about PHALAENOPSIS this meeting will give us all some valuable insights into growing these popular plants.

## Birthdays      March 2020.

Many Happy Returns to these members who celebrate birthdays this month.

Neil Cooper   Joe Cassar   Judith Gardner   Peter Haltis   Jill Taylor,   and Phil Steer

## Supper Roster this meeting.

Diana Bird and Sarka Laznicka helped prepare your last month's cuppa. Thank you, ladies. This meeting, Richard Crinion and Colin Macdonald, two newer members, have offered to help. Thank you, gentlemen.. Your offer to assist is very much welcomed.

**Next Committee Meeting:** Home of Ms J Taylor   Monday 23rd March .      7.30pm  
**Next Judges Meeting**      Pulteney Grammar School.      Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June      7.30pm  
**Next SA Regional Judging Panel Meeting:** Pulteney Grammar School   Mon. April 20th 7.30pm

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As the season moves into autumn, we will see an increasing number of our more spectacular orchids coming into bloom – plants like the bifoliate cattleyas, hard cane dendrobiums, and an increasing number of phalaenopsis. Please try to have your plants tabled by 7.45 so that our judges can get a good start to judging the increasing numbers of plants we predict will be tabled.

The cooler weather of autumn means that we can now repot those orchids which we should have divided last spring.

Your committee has been thinking about social outings for members, among which was proposed a boat trip on the Port River for a Sunday afternoon visit to try to see the dolphins. The trips are \$10 for adults for a 2 hr cruise. Lunch is available on board, too, if you wish, or perhaps we could meet in one of the local hotels for lunch before the trip (which we have done previously) For those who like exploring the Op shops to discover treasures, an earlier arrival to visit the Sunday wharf markets could add another dimension. Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup> has been suggested. Think about it and we can discuss it further next meeting if you wish.

A visit to the Aldinga Scrub, perhaps on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> to view the native orchids has also been suggested, including a re-visit to Diana Bird's beach house for a barbecue lunch. It was a really relaxing outing last time, but now this time with the added attraction of finding orchids growing in situ.

*Trevor Jacob.*

## NEXT MEETING.

This month's guest speaker, Steve Howard writes lots of practical advice about growing orchids which is published in the regular magazines of a number of local orchid clubs. He is also a qualified AOC judge, and his long experience means we will have lots of practical advice to absorb this meeting. Thanks for giving your time, Steve. We will have many growers eager to hear your talk.

## LAST MEETING

Kevin Cattermole gave a refreshing talk about natural remedies for orchid ailments, both pests and diseases last meeting. He had such a long list of remedies that he was asked by one of our very interested members whether he could furnish us with some notes, which I have now received.. Thank you, Kevin, for a very informative and practical meeting.

## NATURAL REMEDIES FOR PLANT PESTS & DISEASES

Kevin has kindly sent our Secretary some notes from his talk at last month's meeting. Now I know why he has such a lot of success with his orchids. He sure don't like dem nasties.

"If you have a problem with any pests or disease you have a cultural problem. If you fix the cultural problem then the problem usually vanishes. The reverse is also true. Things to consider changing would include overcrowded plants, over watering, air circulation problems or poor house design. If you have a problem then ask other orchid growers, or ask Mr Google.

Toxic sprays are bad on so many levels, they are a health hazard to you, and are expensive, they kill good guys as well as bad, and help breed pest resistant bugs. Non toxic alternatives are safer for you, and cheaper, all for a little more effort on your part.

My personal armoury is as follows

a) Fungal Diseases 10-20 % milk in water. Can be powdered, skinny, goats or any other kind of cows milk. (Sure works on powdery mildew on grapes and pumpkins, too. *Ed*)

b) Mites Spray with water, as mites do not like being sprayed six times a day with water, via overhead automatic sprays. The latest fine spray nozzles use only a little water and add to humidity, too..

Bicarb. soda, 1 teaspoon to a cup of water plus detergent as a wetter also works.

c) Ants Honey (an attractant) mixed with borax (poisonous to ants) wipes out the nest once they eat it and return home. Cinnamon across ant trails disrupts ants

tracking scent .(and powdered cinnamon is a good anti- bacterial agent, too).

d) Rats & Mice Sugar, bran ( attractant ) mixed with cement or plaster of paris gives them constipation.. Leave water nearby as the mixture makes them thirsty and it needs water to set. Don't you love the smell of dead rats coming from down you backyard?

e) Slugs & Snails Night patrols, a good cheap LED torch, and big sturdy boots are very productive, especially after watering or rain. Cold coffee spray, preferably fairly strong but not decaffeinated, will give them a heart attack (but needs renewing after rain) or sprinkle ammonium sulphate around the orchid house as this acts like salt ( kills them), and fertilizes plants as well once it is wet.

f) Sucking insects Fertilize plants with blossom booster which makes sap sour so insects move on. How ever did you find that one out, Kevin? Poke match heads (upside down) into potting mix near base of plant.

G) Millipedes Plastic bottle trap ( Google it) or diatomaceous earth, which has microscopic sharp projections, can be used as a barrier.

h) Earwigs Wet rolled up newspaper traps, or crumpled newspaper in an upturned pot where they hide,, or a diatomaceous earth barrier., soy & Oil pit traps. (I have heard a little linseed oil is also a good attractant inside a plastic bottle sunk to ground level).

That should give you all a good start with ideas to eradicate baddies from spoiling your orchids. Let the editor know if you have had success with some of these remedies.”

Thank you, for your notes, Kevin.

It makes for a much more relevant and interesting Review if people are interested enough to contribute and share their thoughts and ideas with other members.

*Ed.*

## PLANTS LAST MEETING

Only two plants in Second Div. but they were nice.

Both these orchids can be grown without winter heat. I think the cattleya from Colin Macdonald is the first plant he's benched Congratulations to both growers



*Encyclia alata* on the left, *Cattleya Unknown* on the right

Ellen Hume had two of these little gems. Bred from the Taiwan species *Neofinetia*, reclassified as a *Vanda*, then crossed with I don't know what to make the genus *Vandachostylis*, it shows what the judges have to put up with when so many lovely little plants get reclassified



*Vandachostylis* Lou Sneary

Michael & Oui have made somewhat of a specialty with their chinese type paphiopedilums. They're slow growing, and not the easiest orchids to cultivate, but they are captivating when benched for

others to see. As well as the seedling shown on the cover, we saw repeat flowerings of the species paphs they showed last year.



This is *Paph godefroyae* 'Super Dark' growing beautifully in a tiny pot.'



*Phal* October Moon 'Christine'

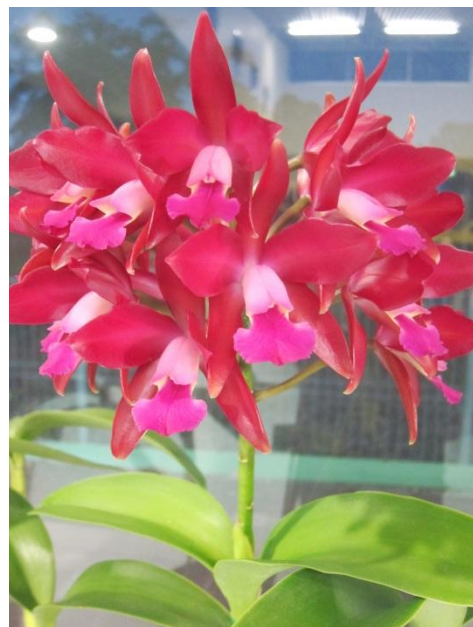
'Not to be outdone by her husband, Ann Steer shows she can grow orchids just as well as her husband, and mounted on a block, too. Well done, Anne. .Not so easy to transport to meetings when grown like this, it was beautifully displayed on it's own stand.

This next one is a *Psychopsis*, one of the *oncidium* group of orchids from Central America. It really is the butterfly orchid, fluttering individually (but blooming

progressively on each stem) in the breeze at the top of long graceful stems. This one is a hybrid, but the species of this group are just as attractive. Kevin Gurney used to regularly show his specimen plant of the species *Psychopsis papilio*, with individual blooms on many long stems.



*Psychopsis* Mendenhall.



*Ctt* Valentine Day

We'll be seeing lots of these re-named cattleya type orchids from Brazil in months to come. Easy to grow, and easy on the eye, they should be in the collections of all local orchid lovers.

Just had to put this tiny native terrestrial in this month to keep Jane Higgs happy.. You may not even have been able to see the blooms, they're so tiny, but they are intriguing..



*Dienia montana*

I guess it's what you might call a progressive flowerer. The buds at the top of the stem are so tight it's impossible to count them. This is one reason we should all take the time to inspect the tabled plants closely. There are just so many diminutive gems among the orchids which specialist growers are trying now.



This is one of the intergeneric zygotepalum alliance crossings pioneered here in South Australia. Other closely related genera were crossed with zygotepalums to break the dominance of the purple and green colours so prominent in early hybrids. I liked it because the colour was unusual. I expect the owner will tell me next meeting what it is

## PLANT SHOWS FOR YOUR INTEREST.

Want some plants to help highlight your orchid displays in our forthcoming shows?

The **Bromeliad Society** will have a show and giant plant sale at the Maltese Cultural Centre, 6 Jeanes St Beverley on **March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Time 9am to 3pm on Saturday, and 10am to 3pm on Sunday**. Get there early to secure the best bargains – it's very popular, and bring some boxes to carry your purchases Entry free.. EFTPOS facilities for sales over \$20.

Also, the **Enfield Horticultural Society** will have their **Autumn Show** on **April 4<sup>th</sup> 12n to 5 pm and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 10am to 4pm.** at the Klemzig Community Centre where we have held our Mid Year Shows (now Winter Show)

Features dahlias and all kinds of flowering and foliage plants, ferns, cut flowers, garden produce, cakes , jams etc plus quality floral art exhibits and of course, orchids. Plant sales stall, refreshments available, Admission \$3 includes free tea/coffee..

## COMPETITION RESULTS FEBRUARY 2020

### NON STANDARD LAELIINAE

#### Second Div

1<sup>st</sup> C Unknown C Macdonald

### NON STANDARD CLUSTER LAELIINAE

#### Open Div

1<sup>st</sup> Ctt Valentine Day `Lisa` M Willoughby & Oui Ju  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Ctt Valentine Day V & N Cooper

### SPECIES LAELIINAE

#### First Div

1<sup>st</sup> Psh cochleata P & A Steer

#### Second Div

Encyclia alata G Simcock

### NON STANDARD PAPHIOPEDILUM

#### Open Div

1<sup>st</sup> Paph Magic Lantern `Vincent Vista`  
 M Willoughby & Oui Ju  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Paph Pinnochio `Seaview`  
 M Willoughby & Oui Ju  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Paph Lynleigh `Koopowicz`  
 M Willoughby & Oui Ju

### SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUM

#### Open Div

1<sup>st</sup> Paph godefroyae `Super Dark`  
 M Willoughby & Oui Ju  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Paph godefroyae `Vincent Vista`  
 M Willoughby & Oui Ju

### STANDARD PHALAENOPSIS

#### First Div

1<sup>st</sup> October Moon `Christine` A & P Steer

### AUST. NATIVE EPIPHYTE HYBRIDS.

#### Open Div

1<sup>st</sup> Sarco Riverdene No<sup>1</sup> M & E Hume  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sarco Riverdene No<sup>2</sup> M & E Hume  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Prschs Cherub M Willoughby & Oui Ju

### AUST NATIVE EPIPHYTE SPECIES.

#### Open Div

1<sup>st</sup> Sarco ceciliae M & E Hume  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sarco ceciliae M & E Hume

### AUST NATIVE TERRESTRIAL SPECIES

#### Open Div

1<sup>st</sup> Dienia montana D & J Higgs

### OTHER GENERA SPECIES

#### Open Div

1<sup>st</sup> Sngl woodii D & J Higgs  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sngl woodii M & E Hume  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sngl woodii M & E Hume

### OTHER GENERA HYBRIDS

#### Open Div

1<sup>st</sup> Phrag Ackers Beauty J & D Higgs  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Vchsylis Lou Sneary No<sup>1</sup> M & E Hume  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Vchsylis Lou Sneary No<sup>2</sup> M & E Hume

### ONCIDIINAE HYBRID

#### Open Div

1<sup>st</sup> Psychopsis Mendenhall `Hildos`  
 M Willoughby & Oui Ju

### First Div

1<sup>st</sup> Onc Sharry Baby ?  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Onc Cocoa `Caesar` ?

### SEEDLING

#### Open Div

1<sup>st</sup> Paph Magic Lantern `Vincent Vista`  
 M Willoughby & Oui Ju  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Paph Lynleigh `Koopowicz`  
 M Willoughby & Oui Ju  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Prom Mike Leary `Neil`  
 M Willoughby & Oui Ju

### POPULAR VOTE

#### Open Div

1<sup>st</sup> Paph Magic Lantern `Vincent Vista`  
 M Willoughby & Oui Ju  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Psychopsis Mendenhall `Hildos`  
 M Willoughby & Oui Ju  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Ctt Valentine Day `Lisa` M Willoughby & Oui Ju

### First Div

1<sup>st</sup> Phal October Moon `Christine` A & P Steer  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Onc Sharry Baby ?  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Psh cochleata ?

### Second Div.

1<sup>st</sup> Enc alata G & P Simcock  
 2<sup>nd</sup> C Unknown C Macdonald

**BEST ORCHID IN  
DIVISION**

**Open Division**

***Paph* Magic Lantern  
'Vincent Vista'**

M Willoughby & Oui Ju

**First Division**

***Phal* October Moon  
'Christine'**

A & P Steer

**Second Division**

***Encyclia alata***

G & P Simcock

**REGISTRAR'S CHOICE**

***Paph* Magic Lantern  
'Vincent Vista'**

M Willoughby & Oui Ju



*Paph* Magic Lantern 'Vincent Vista'



So tall I had to stand tippy toe to get it in the photo.



So glad I did. Don & Jane Higgs brought it in.  
*Phragmipedium Ackers Beauty*

Looks like one of the new hybrids. Ask Jane about it..

