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Open Div. display arranged by Jane Higgs, one of a number of lovely displays.

Next meeting is on **Wednesday August 19<sup>th</sup>** at the Adelaide West Uniting Church hall.  
312 Sir Donald Bradman Drive Brooklyn Park. **Hall opens 7pm for 8pm start**

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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 –August 19<sup>th</sup> 2020.

Kyle Howard is the son of Mr Steve Howard who gave us such an interesting talk on catasetums last month. Kyle has developed a substantial knowledge of native orchids, and will tell us about these natives in the bush this meeting. His programme has received excellent reviews by some very experienced growers. Don't miss it.

## Birthdays August 2020.

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

. Tony Bourne      Shirley Brand      Fred Cawse      Alan Davies  
Garry Simcock      Val Speer      Jan Whibley..

## Supper Roster this meeting.

Same Covid-19 restrictions apply as for last month. Do it safely.

**Next Committee Meeting:** At Pine View ( at Ms J Taylor's) Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August . 7.30pm  
**Next Judges Meeting** Pulteney Grammar School. Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm  
**Next SA Regional Judging Panel Meeting:** Pulteney Grammar School Mon Oct. 12th 7.30pm

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

We have had a busy time recently with the resumption of our monthly meetings last month, closely followed by our Winter Show at Klemzig a couple of weeks ago. More about both of these later in this Review.

We should have our normal monthly photos in the Review from now on, and I would like to thank Anton Drew for facilitating the compilation of photos..whilst we were unable to have our regular monthly meetings. And thank you, members, for supplying your images to Anton.

You may remember we were considering some social outings for members, perhaps for a Dolphin Cruise or a trip to the Aldinga Scrub to view native orchids. Sadly, Covid 19 restrictions on movements have resulted in putting plans on hold for the present. We'll enjoy such outings even more when we are able to socialise more freely as the Government Rules are revised and hopefully relaxed. Well done, South Australia, Our sympathy and best wishes go to all those orchid growers interstate and to our commercial growers whose livelihoods have been impacted by the necessary restrictions on travel due to Covid 19 concerns..

**Trevor Jacob.**

## **NEXT MEETING.**

This month's guest speaker, Kyle Howard has made a study of

native orchids, and his work has received very good comments from experienced growers who have heard him. A quiet young man, he obviously has had excellent mentoring by his Dad. Thanks for giving your time, Kyle. We will have many growers eager to hear your talk this month.

## **LAST MEETING**

Steve Howard delivered a most interesting talk about catasetum orchids, among the 'weirdo's' of the orchid world, with separate sexes for male and female flowers, which flower either separately on the racemes, or, sometimes, on the same stem. The male flowers' propensity for shooting out pollen with sticky discs attached to stick to visiting bees, etc. (to facilitate pollination) is likewise a bit out of the ordinary. One of the best things I learnt was that some can be grown under our shadehouse conditions as they can hibernate and can be kept almost dry over winter until the new shoots appear in Spring. Even better, plants can be obtained in Australia if you would like to try them. Steve's photos must surely give our members the inclination to try these South American orchids. Thank you, Steve, for a very informative and interesting talk.

## **RESUMING NORMAL ACTIVITIES, WITH CONSIDERATION TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS.**

In July, it appeared that SA's adherence to Govt. imposed restriction of activities were having

a positive effect in infections, and a survey was held to test the feeling of a number of members who usually attend meetings and exhibit at Shows to determine the likely support for resuming activities, noting that many of our members were in the vulnerable group if the Virus was introduced among us. The outlook was positive and we made enquiries about resuming monthly meetings in July, and about a follow up Winter Show to be held at the Klemzig Community Hall in August.

Your positive response to both suggestions vindicated our survey (we had no idea what sort of response would be forthcoming from members, nor from the public at a Show). Both proved very positive, encouraging us to negotiate with the venue authorities, and with the Govt. Health Department to formulate a set of Rules to follow to make sure we were all safe.

I must acknowledge the work which Garry Simcock put in, firstly to establish the Government safety requirements we needed to follow at each venue, and then to make sure we all knew the procedures we needed to follow. Garry spent a great deal of time ensuring the Rules were in place, and that our Plans at each location would be approved, and he and Pauline devised procedures and prepared signs for us to follow, and supplied the antiseptic sprays and wipes and masks as appropriate, so we could fulfil the requirements to make us safe

It all made it worthwhile when everything worked out so well at each location and you all did your part to see that things were safe.

Thank you, everybody, who assisted.. We knew it wouldn't work with just the regular helpers to keep things going, but we had a great response at the meeting from people helping wipe the furniture, light switches, toilet buttons, door handles, etc and at the Show where we had lots of helpers on plant sales, on the doors, helping with displays etc. and cleaning up afterwards. The atmosphere was great, and the displays were just about the best I could remember for a Show at Klemzig. When you get a number of visitors commenting about the displays and general atmosphere in the hall, we must have got something right.

Thank you all, who helped in any way to get us going again. I'm sure you must all have felt some pride in the way it all came together.,

*Ed.*

#### **NOTES FROM OUR SECRETARY.**

Congratulations to the members of the SA Orchidaceous Society on the organisation of a lovely winter Show. It seems that everyone pulled together, resulting in a magnificent spectacle of flowers.

Although it would be a mistake to mention individuals, it is important to acknowledge the organisation and initiative of Andrew Bird. This was his debut as Show

Marshall, and he did an amazing job.

Covid-19 precautions meant that cleaning and organisation took on a greater role than usual, and even this did not detract from the very pleasant atmosphere of the show. The trading table had to be seen to be believed. I have never seen a trading table to better this one. It was literally laden with flowering orchids and other plants. The people whose job it was to select the prize plants for the raffle found it to be a difficult task because there were so many plants to choose from.

Those people attending to customers appeared to be enjoying whatever they were doing. One member was seen to be escorting a customer around the displays, explaining the different types of blooms. Later he was seen to be carrying the customer's purchases across the car park.

This show has achieved much for the well-being of the club in terms of the camaraderie and promoting friendships. Well done, members.

*Pauline Simcock. Secretary.*

### **PLANTS LAST MEETING**

We didn't know what to expect in view of the Covid closedown and the very cold nights we've endured this season. Thank you, all who brought along plants for others to admire.

Let's start with the Registrar's choice, a sturdy plant of *Paph venustum alba*, from the northern

Himalayan regions. A mottled leaf species which can be grown cool, the coloured form is more common.



*Paph venustum alba*, a well grown plant from Oui & Michael.

They also showed the fragrant *Aerides quinquevulnera*, not commonly grown in SA.- both a well grown & flowered plant, which is found in the Philippines & New Guinea..



*Aerides quinquevulnera*

Fred Cawse flew the flag for First Div. growers, with two well grown cattleya types, the winning plant being Rlc Pastoral 'Innocence', a pristine white large type.

Jane Higgs showed two terrestrial species, a forerunner of things to come, as a number of the natives are producing leaves now. Let's hope the cold weather doesn't harm them, as I know Jane has had problems due to the very

cold nights they have had to endure in past years, and I guess the same will apply this season.

The cymbidium growers will be awakening from their winter hibernation as the season progresses, and already we've seen some fine blooms. Ben tabled three plants, including two very nice seedlings, and the Second Div. growers proved they've been collecting some fine quality plants to show off their prowess.

Sarka Laznicka showed a good example of the species *Cym. tracyanum* in Second Div, which is a showy, distinctively shaped large type, which has featured extensively in breeding early cym hybrids over the years. Leave the spikes on the plant - the blooms don't last long once they are picked.



*Cym. tracyanum* shown by Sarka Laznicka

The cym. displayed by 2<sup>nd</sup> Div growers auger well for the displays at the Winter Show at Klemzig.

It was good to see the enthusiasm of growers after our prolonged lay off due to the Covid-19 problem, and we all hope everyone will obey the Regulations so we can continue to have the

restrictions relaxed further. Keep safe.

## **WINTER SHOW (From G Simcock)**

**A big THANKYOU to EVERYONE who supported our WINTER SHOW in any way.**

As the majority of our members are in the vulnerable category with regards to Covid 19, it is imperative that we take all precautions. The Government, Health Department and Police believe that under the current circumstances the risk of contracting the virus is minimised if we adhere to the Covid-Safe Plan - Step 3. Maintaining Social Distancing, Disinfecting, Sanitizing, general hygiene cleaning and avoiding face to face contact will keep risks to a minimum. Our members have done an excellent job of this at both the July Meeting, even with Birthday Celebrations, and the Show. Hopefully people interested in orchids are not the type of people who blatantly disregard the safety of others and fail to self-isolate as required.

I only noticed one person moving in the wrong direction at the show, fortunately he was the only person in that half of the hall. At that time, all available club members were busy helping other patrons,.  
The Members

With no meetings or show , and many other activities being cancelled, some of our members have felt very isolated, this gave them a chance to connect and not

feel so alone. The spectacle of the show again gave the opportunity to enjoy the range of plants. Several members had plants which only they alone had been able to admire. Backyards were becoming cluttered with things that people wanted to get rid of. The Trading Table gave them the opportunity to reduce numbers for some financial gain.

After working at the show all of Saturday Afternoon, I have a sneaky suspicion that one member made his wife get him there, before the doors opened on Sunday, so he could continue.

Another member could probably sell "ice to an Eskimo ". He took great care with anyone wanting to make a purchase, showing pictures of the flowers giving advice and cultural sheets and even helped carry the plants to the car. Pity she was parked on the far side of the oval.

Those members who had spent time in the week previous preparing cake, slices or biscuits , should be proud of their produce, it was excellent. It was disappointing that not many of our patrons stayed to sample the array. I thought we may have had problems keeping the numbers to 17 but most chose not to remain.

Once again, the displays were set up most professionally and ready in time for judging.

We needed members on the sales-points, with the exception of the trading table, people at the other points were never rushed off their

feet but their help was needed to help with the revenue.

#### The Show

What a spectacle, a blaze of colour in whatever direction you chose to look .It had been suggested that by holding the show in August, there would be a greater number of plants in flower. Some of us had absolutely nothing and other members did a ring around to try to increase numbers. The colours and range of plants did not reflect our concerns. Well done.

#### The Raffle

Three of the best plants were chosen from the trading table, takings on Saturday suggested we may not even cover costs. Sunday was more enthusiastic and we made a small profit. Two prizes were won by club members but it took 4 days to get the first prize winner to make contact.

#### The Door

Takings from the door did not cover the hire of the hall, once again parking was difficult with football on the oval on both days. At times those on the door had to amuse themselves by reminding patrons to use the sanitizer and sign in, and cleaning pens. We did not have a great amount of time between knowing the show could proceed and it happening so we chose to avoid paid advertising. There could have been large losses if we would have been forced to cancel at the last minute.

### The Trading Table

This was the largest trading table seen at one of our shows for a long time with tables of non-flowering orchids and other plants in front of several tables of cymbidiums in full bloom. Nearly all of the flowering plants and many of the other items disappeared over the weekend. Most of the flowering plants went on Saturday, as expected.

### The Cleanup

After several days of preparation, and the show days, most of us were dreading the final cleanup. Regular cleaning occurred during the show. An invitation was put to members at the conclusion of the show to help with the final clean. ALL MEMBERS hopped in and we had the place spotless and sanitized by 5.00 p.m. Thank you so much for helping to reduce this onerous task by doing whatever you could. One woman was keen to help and it was only after we had finished that I got a chance to find out that she is the partner of one of our newer members.

Financially it looks as though we will make a small profit but I leave it up to you to decide on its social value.

*Garry Simcock*      *Treasurer.*  
Thank you, Garry.      *Editor*

## **WINTER SHOW RESULTS. 2020.**

Thank you, judges. Not such an easy job with plants and exhibitors spread around the Hall.

### **GRAND CHAMPION**

*Paph venustum* 'Astrid'

M Willoughby & Oui Ju

### **RESERVE CHAMPION**

*Paph fanaticum*

M Willoughby & Oui Ju

### **MEMORIA CRAIG GURNEY**

#### **MEMORIAL TROPHY**

*Paph venustum* 'Astrid'

M Willoughby & Oui Ju

### **CHAMPION OPEN DIVISION**

*Paph venustum* 'Astrid'

M Willoughby & Oui Ju

### **CHAMPION FIRST DIVISION**

*L. anceps* 'Gaynor'

P H Haltis

### **CHAMPION SECOND DIVISION**

*Cym WithoutPeer* 'Soft Touch'

R. Edwards

### **MOST OUTSTANDING SEEDLING**

*Cym* Jessie Blakiston x Dural Dream

B Knobben

### **BEST MINIATURE DISPLAY**

Featuring 'Fairy and Frogs

Jane Higgs

### **BEST PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITS.**

T & M Jacob



Best Mini Display (20 cm sides).





Visitors got a good view of small orchids from close-up.



## COMPETITION RESULTS JULY meeting 2020

### CYMBIDIUM OVER 90mm

#### *Open Div*

1<sup>st</sup> (Traces Bullion x Intense Gold) x Harbour City B Knobben

#### *Second Div*

1<sup>st</sup> (Valley Oracle x Red Beauty) R Edwards

### CYMBIDIUM 60-90 mm

#### *Open Div*

1<sup>st</sup> (Jessie Blakiston x Dural Dream) B Knobben

2<sup>nd</sup> (Peggy Sue x Tom Thumb) B Knobben

#### *Second Div*

1<sup>st</sup> Without Peer `Soft Touch` R Edwards

2<sup>nd</sup> Jimbo Blaze J & DCassar

3<sup>rd</sup> Jimbo Blaze J & D Cassar

### CYMBIDIUM UNDER 60mm

#### *Second Div*

1<sup>st</sup> Sarah Jean `Karen` J & D Cassar

2<sup>nd</sup> Wilpena `Erna` D Bird

### SPECIES CYMBIDIUM

#### *Second Div*

1<sup>st</sup> *Cym tracyanum* S Laznicka

### NON STANDARD LAELIINAE

#### *First Div*

1<sup>st</sup> *Rlc Pastoral`Innocence`* F Cawse

2<sup>nd</sup> *Rct Rosemary Hayden* F Cawse

### SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUM

#### *Open Div*

1<sup>st</sup> *Paph venustum*  
M Willoughby & Oui Ju

### AUST. NATIVE EPIPHYTE HYBRIDS.

#### *Second Div*

1<sup>st</sup> *Den Hilda Poxon* J & D Cassar

2<sup>nd</sup> *Den Graham Hewitt `Arthur`* D Bird

### AUST NATIVE TERRESTRIAL SPECIES

#### *Open Div*

1<sup>st</sup> *Acianthus exsertus* J & D Higgs

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

### OTHER GENERA SPECIES

#### *Open Div*

1<sup>st</sup> *Aerides quinquevulnera*  
M Willoughby & Oui Ju

### SEEDLING

#### *Open Div*

1<sup>st</sup> (Jessie Blakiston x Dural Dream) B Knobben

2<sup>nd</sup> *Cym* (Traces Bullion x Intense Gold) x Harbour City B Knobben

### POPULAR VOTE

#### *Open Div*

1<sup>st</sup> *Aerides quinquevulnera*  
M Willoughby & Oui Ju

#### *First Div*

1<sup>st</sup> *Rlc Pastoral`Innocence`* F Cawse

2<sup>nd</sup> *Rct Rosemary Hayden* F Cawse

#### *Second Div.*

1<sup>st</sup> *Cym tracyanum* S Laznicka

2<sup>nd</sup> *Cym* Without Peer `Soft Touch` R Edwards  
3<sup>rd</sup> *Cym* Sarah Jean `Karen` J & D Cassar

## BEST ORCHID IN DIVISION

### Open Division

*Paph venustum*

M Willoughby & Oui Ju

### First Division

*Rlc Pastoral*

`Innocence`

Fred Cawse

### Second Division

*Cymbidium tracyanum*

Sarka Laznicka

## REGISTRAR'S CHOICE

### *Paph venustum*

M Willoughby & Oui Ju

See photo (page 5) above. The alba variety of the species *Paph venustum* can be less sturdy than the coloured form, but Michael & Oui have mastered its secrets. Their three bloomed plant looked good and healthy, and as we know, good plants lead to superior blooms.



Ben Knobben's Over 90 mm seedling shown last meeting (and at the Winter Show) I cheated a bit with the photo. At the meeting, the blinds weren't drawn behind the tabled plants, and I think the flash reflected off the window and messed up the colour rendition of some plants. It pays to check the background before you take pictures!!



Fred Cawse's *Rlc* Pastoral 'Innocence'.



This is Ralph Edwards' very pretty *Cym* Without Peer 'Soft Touch', one of those which looks better on a naturally arching spike.

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