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Den. Aussie Starlight shown by the Cassars last meeting.

Next meeting is on **Wednesday Sept. 16th** 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 –September 16th 2020.

Jane & Don Higgs arranged tickets to Taiwan for the World Orchid Conference, but Covid-19 concerns saw the Conference cancelled. They decided to go to Taiwan, anyway, and visited a number of orchid Companies' plants & exhibits which had been prepared for the Conference. Jane calls this talk "TAIWAN –NOT THE WORLD ORCHID CONFERENCE"

Birthdays September 2020.

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

Iris Davies Margaret Jacob Oui Ju Peter McCauley
Eileen Pinnock Richard Wilson Michael Willoughby.

Supper Roster this meeting.

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

Next Committee Meeting: At Pine View c/o Ms J Taylor Monday 21st Sept. . 7.30pm
Next Judges Meeting Pulteney Grammar School. To be advised
Next SA Regional Judging Panel Meeting: To be advised.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The good sense of South Australians has seen us to be relatively free of the Covid-19 pandemic here, but we must continue to follow the Health Depts. Rules. Since last month we were required to appoint a Marshall to oversight the Governments Rules at all our activities. Garry Simcock and Ralph Edwards have undertaken the training, and have been appointed by Committee. Please follow any directions the may give at our meetings and Shows.. We continue to follow the guidelines laid down at our meeting hall stipulated by the Church authorities and the Government, and I thank you all for complying. Your cooperation in distancing and sanitising the hall has been appreciated by your Committee. Keep it up, and most importantly, go safely. We were required to forgo the visit to Aldinga, but further opportunities will present themselves in the future.

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..

There's lots of things on the horizon for you to consider. Our Spring Show (although modified in the length of the show, and the restricted time we've got to judge and stage the plants on Wed 23rd Sept from 5 pm) will require cooperation and goodwill, but the results should be worth it, as we previously found out at our Klemzig Winter Show. Then there are our important considerations for the elections at our AGM in November.

Trevor Jacob.

NEXT MEETING.

As I mentioned on the front page, Jane Higgs will give us an account of the orchid scene in Taiwan, where so many momentous developments have been made, not only with phalaenopsis orchids, but many other types as well. Come and see what the Taiwan growers are producing. You will be interested in this month's talk.

Prizes from the **Winter Show** at Klemzig will be distributed.

Bring along for judging the cym seedlings you bought in August 2017 for a seedling growing competition. Has anyone flowered theirs for the first time this year?

There will be the usual plant competitions.. Do try to come along and enjoy the evening with us.

LAST MEETING

Kyle Howard demonstrated his deep interest and commitment to our local terrestrial orchids, last meeting,

not only in his photographs, but in the comprehensive way he presented details about the various groups of species and their habitats. Thank you, Kyle. Your talk opened the eyes of many of us to the daintiness and beauty of our own local orchids, and gave us something to reflect upon about their future viability in a climate changing environment. Well done, and thank you.

NEW MEMBERS.

We welcome two new members to our Society this month. We know you will get many benefits in helping with your orchid growing through your participation in the Society's activities.

They are Sofia Hadiak and Christine Robertson. We hope to have our newer members' badges available in the near future.

MEETING PROCEDURES THIS MONTH.

Safety procedures continue as before at our meeting this month, but the Government has deemed it necessary to have a Marshall trained and authorised to enforce the conditions of our Covid-19 Plan. Garry Simcock and Ralph Edwards have undertaken this training, so please comply with any directions they may need to remind us about as we conduct our monthly meetings and shows. "We've all done very well" so far, as Old Mr Grace of Are You Being Served would agree.

REVISED SHOW SCHEDULES FOR OUR 2020 SPRING SHOW AT GILLES PLAINS SHOPPING CENTRE.

The area adjacent to Woolworths (where we previously held our Winter Shows), has been allocated for our Spring show. Enter from the rear doors, and setup will be able to begin from 5pm.

Setup and judging will be done on Wednesday afternoon from 5 pm., with public plant sales **during Shopping hours** on Thursday 24th Sept. until close on Saturday afternoon 26th Sept.

Because we have only limited time to stage and judge the Show on Wednesday evening, a Restricted Show schedule will apply this year. Prizes will be for major items only, and cards for each Division (First places only) as follows :-

Grand Champion

Reserve Champion

Champion of Open Div

Champion of First division

Champion of Second division'

Card classes will apply for each Division, but judging time constraints will limit these to First Places only.

Each Division will have cards for the following Sections

Best Cymbidium Over 90mm

Best Cymbidium 60-90 mm

Best Cymbidium Under 60mm

Best Overall Cymbidium

Best Standard Shape Laeliinae

Best Non Standard Laeliinae

Best Cluster Laeliinae

Best Overall Laeliinae

Best Standard Paphiopedilum

Best non-Standard Paphiopedilum

Best Overall Paphiopedilum

Best Oncidiinae under 60mm

Best Oncidiinae over 60 mm

Best Overall Oncidiinae

Best Aust. Native Epiphyte Hybrid

Best Aust Native Epiphyte Species

Best Native Terrestrial Hybrid

Best Native Terrestrial Species

Best Aust Native Terrestrial

Best Overall Aust Native Orchid

Best Zygopetalinae

Best Other Hybrid not listed above

Best Species (not Aust Native)

Best Specimen Orchid'

Best Seedling.

Sales sheet will be available next meeting for sellers to take and fill in. There will be extra sheets available at the Sales table at the show..

If you show or sell plants, you will be expected to be prepared to help with a stint on the Sales table. A roster will be circulated at the September meeting.

PLANTS LAST MEETING

Plant numbers benched last month were generally subdued, but we did see some good quality plants tabled' Australian natives in both First & Second Div were impressive, and we saw some good cymbidiums on show, as we should expect as the season progresses. We are hoping for good support by exhibitors at the Spring Show at Gilles Plains later this month.

We don't see many masdevallias in Adelaide compared with the Vic. Country Challenge because we need special conditions to keep them growing very cool. Their colours are spectacular, some even fluorescent



This masdevallia Macchu Pichu is growing very well for Michael & Oui.

This soft yellow Cym Coraki Glowing from Ben is a famous clone which has won many shows since I first saw it as a seedling in Sydney some years back.



Its latest win was at the Cym Club's show at West Lakes recently



Three of these First Div. cattleya types were fragrant (all different)



Judges examine the sturdy *Paph Chouvetii*, a strong 'non-standard type'

which always grows and blooms well. It has been around in Australian collections for many years. Bred in 1899, it features only 3 cool growing paphs in its genetic makeup, *Paphs villosum*, *hirsutissimum*, and *insigne*.

CATTLEYA CULTURE – BEYOND THE BASICS.

The following notes are based on information from Fred Stewart Orchids of USA. They are among the leading orchid companies in the USA, and their principal representative in Australia for many years was the famous late Frank Slattery of Sydney..

1 You may buy an outstanding selected variety, but if you do not grow it well, you can't expect to see it flowering to its full potential.. An average 'good' variety, well flowered, will produce equally as good results as a top variety indifferently grown.

2 Your plants will flower best the longer they are undisturbed, provided the potting medium has not broken down. The 'Orchiata' bark available here is very durable for catts. (and for cym, too).. Don't be afraid to let them develop a growth or two over the edge of the pot. To avoid unduly disturbing the plant, one trick is to attach a half pot to the leading edge of your potful so the roots of the new growths can grow into new potting mix without disturbing the main plant.

-----More cattleya cultural tips next month!-----.

COMPETITION RESULTS August meeting 2020

CYMBIDIUM OVER 90mm

Open Div

1st Coraki Glowing B Knobben

CYMBIDIUM 60-90 mm

Open Div

1st Gentle Touch `Bon Bon` M Willoughby & Oui Ju

Second Div

1st Marilyn Levy D Bird
 2nd Gypsy Rose D Bird
 3rd Meritia McBean x Bob Waabanie R Edwards

CYMBIDIUM UNDER 60mm

Second Div

1st Bedivere `Highbury` J & D Cassar

STANDARD LAELIINAE

First Div

1st C Mini Song x Rlc Dal's ? P & A Steer
 2nd Rth Rosemary Hayden F Cawse
 3rd Rlc Pastoral Innocence F Cawse

NON STANDARD LAELIINAE

First Div

1st Rlc Greenwich `Elmhurst` F Cawse

NON STANDARD PAPHIOPEDILUMS

Open Div

1st Chouvetii `Van Dyke` J & D Higgs
 2nd Fanaticum M Willoughby & Oui Ju
 3rd Norito Hasegawa M Willoughby & Oui Ju

SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUM

Open Div

1st *Paph venustum* `Astrid` M Willoughby & Oui Ju
 2nd ???

AUST. NATIVE EPIPHYTE HYBRIDS.

Open Div

3rd *Den Starsheen* D & J Higgs

First Div

1st *Den Vic Stripe x Vic Flare* P & H Haltis
 2nd *Den Northmead* P & A Steer

Second Div

1st *Den Aussie Starlight* J & D Cassar

AUST. NATIVE EPIPHYTE SPECIES.

Open Div

1st *Den aemulum* D & J Higgs

AUST NATIVE TERRESTRIAL HYBRIDS

Open Div

1st *Ptst Dusky Duke* J & D Higgs
 2nd *Ptst Nodding Grace* J & D Higgs

AUST NATIVE TERRESTRIAL SPECIES

Open Div

1st *Chiloglottis aff truncata* J & D Higgs
 2nd *Ptst hispidula* J & D Higgs

ONCIDIINAE HYBRIDS

Open Div

2nd *Rst Summit Frenchtown* J & D Higgs

Second Div

1st *Brs Montville Spiders* V Rounsefell

OTHER GENERA HYBRIDS

Open Div

1st *Phrag Rouge Bouillon* J & D Higgs
 2nd *Masd Macchu Pichu* M Willoughby & Oui Ju

OTHER GENERA SPECIES

First Div

1st *Serapias lingua* P & H Haltis

Second Div

1st *Serapias lingua* D Bird

SEEDLING

Open Div

1st *Paph Fanaticum* M Willoughby & Oui Ju
 2nd *Cym Red Beauty x Sims Vision* G & L Spear
 3rd *Paph Norito Hasegawa* M Willoughby & Oui Ju

POPULAR VOTE

Open Div

1st *Paph Chouvetii `Van Dyke`* J & D Higgs
 2nd *Masd Macchu Pichu* M Willoughby & Oui Ju
 3rd *Paph Norito Hasegawa* M Willoughby & Oui Ju

First Div

1st *Den Victorian Stripe x Victorian Flare* P & H Haltis
 2nd *Rlc Greenwich `Elmhurst`* F Cawse

Second Div.

- 1st *Den Aussie Starlight* J & D Cassar
2nd *Brassia Montville Spiders* V Rounsefell
3rd *Cym Gypsy Rose* D. Bird

**BEST ORCHID IN
DIVISION**

Open Division

***Cym Gentle Touch*
*`Bon Bon`***

M Willoughby & Oui Ju

First Division

***Den. Victorian Stripe x*
*Victorian Flare***

P & H Haltis

Second Division

Den Aussie Starlight

J & D Cassar

**REGISTRAR'S
CHOICE**

Den Aussie Starlight

J & D Cassar

(See photo on front cover.)



Den Vic. Stripe x Vic. Flare



Seedling Paph Fanaticum
