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Psychopsis Mendenhall 'Hildos', a butterfly type of the oncidium genus of orchids
shown by Michael and Oui last month.

Feb meeting on the **THIRD** Wednesday of the month at the Adelaide West Uniting
Church hall. 312 Sir Donald Bradman Drive Brooklyn Park.

Next Meeting WEDNESDAY February 17th 2021.

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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* | 2021 | Dr. Tony Bourne |
| 1992 | Peter Speer*, Deane Johnston, Frank Neighbour*, Nancy Neighbour* | | |
| 1996 | Kevin Gurney, Noel Oliver* | | |

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

2021 PROGRAMME

February 17th 2021.

Dawn Franklin from the Gawler & Districts club will tell us of her growing experiences, and has some great tips to share. Usual plants competition. *Plant distribution for those who exhibited orchids last year. A list of growers appears on Page 6*

BIRTHDAYS FOR February 2021

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

Ellen Hume, Robert Gunn, Beryl Wilson, and Kevin Western

Next Committee Meeting: Pine View c/o of Ms J Taylor Mon 22nd Feb 2021 7.30pm
Next Judges Meeting Venue to be advised. Monday 7th June 2021 7.30pm
Next SA Regional Judging Panel Meeting: Zoom meeting 14th April 2021

Members with plants at Meetings, Shows & displays 2020

Second Division (8)

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| D. Bird | Meetings & Shows |
| V. Burgess | Meeting |
| J & D. Cassar & R. Huddleston | Meetings & Shows |
| R. Edwards | Meetings & Shows |
| S. Laznicka | Meetings & Shows |
| C. Mc Donald | Meeting |
| V. Rounsefell | Meeting |
| G. & P. Simcock | Meetings & Show |

First Division (5)

| | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| F. Cawse | Meeting |
| A. Drew | Meeting |
| P. & H. Haltis | Meetings & Show |
| P. & A. Steer | Meetings & Show |
| T. Hutchison | Meeting |

Open Division (13)

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| J. Argent & A. Jeffries | Show |
| L. Burgess | Show |
| V. & N. Cooper | Show & Meeting |
| L. R. Gunn | Meeting |
| J. & D. Higgs | Meetings & Shows |
| E. & M. Hume | Meetings |
| T. & M. Jacob | Shows |
| B. Knobben | Meetings & Shows |
| G. & L. Spear | Meeting |
| J. Whibly | Show |
| M. Willoughby & O. Ju | Meetings & Shows |
| R. & B Wilson | Meeting |
| P. McCauley | Meeting |

Adelaide West Fair Saturday 24th October (Some exhibitors appear above) (2)

J Taylor

K Trevan

Total plants 28 + extras.

This list may be incomplete. IF YOU SHOWED A PLANT LAST YEAR & YOUR NAME'S NOT HERE, PLEASE RING DON HIGGS ON 8558 6247

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT for 2020

Presented at 2020 AGM held Jan 2021

Members I'm pleased to present my report for 2020.

Society activities during 2020 were severely disrupted by the arrival of the Covid19 virus, including impacts on monthly meetings, shows, Society dinners, visits and other outings. We were able, though, to fit in a Winter Show at Klemzig (previously named our Mid-Year Show) and a Spring Show at Gilles Plains Shopping Centre, a Display stand at the Adelaide West Fair, and for the first time, a Workshop and Sales day in November at our Adelaide West meeting hall which was quite successful. A proposed field visit to the Aldinga Scrub had to be abandoned, but we were able to organise a delightful day out to visit Roger Herraman's collection of Aust native *Cym. canaliculatum*s in bloom, plus other plants, for which we were most grateful.

Monthly meetings were able to be held on only six occasions over the year, My thanks to all our guest speakers for their commitment to coming along to entertain our members.

We will continue the policy of inviting experienced members of our society to be guest speakers, plus a selection of other experts in their field.

We had to supply a Covid Plan for Govt. approval for each of our activities, including monthly meetings, shows, committee and judging meetings, and I thank specially Garry Simcock who arranged the necessary paperwork, signs, forms, and disinfectant supplies, and was our

appointed Covid Marshall, as so too was Ralph Edwards

We were able to produce a Review each month, made more interesting by members supplying pictures of orchids they flowered. Thank you also to members who supplied me with articles and other associated photos which we were able to include to maintain members' interest whilst we were unable to hold meetings..

Covid Rules prevented the presentation of the annual SAROC fair last June, and our Society stands ready to assist in 2021 provided enough enthusiasm can be raised amongst other clubs to support the venture.

The Covid Regulations often meant we had to change plans over the year, and I thank all on Committee and others who helped implement changes to our usual routines, often at short notice. Let us hope that the coming year is much less traumatic. Whatever happens, the dedication of members to orchid growing will see our Society continue to progress.

Thank you, *Trevor Jacob* (President).

CHEERIOS.

We've had a number of our members on the sick list recently, most involving stays in hospital, but we are very pleased to advise that all those I knew about are at home and on the road to recovery. Those I've heard about include Brian and Shirley Brand, Lucy Spear, Trevor Hutchison, and last but by no means least, our Secretary, Pauline Simcock. We send you all our very best wishes and hope you all make

complete and fast recovery to good health. That goes for all others, too, who we've not lately had any news about. Let's hope that this year brings better news for us all compared with 2020, and that we can all return to good prospects for our involvement with orchid activities in 2021.

THIS MEETING Wednesday 17th February 2021

Dawn Franklin, will be our guest speaker this meeting. Dawn is a member of the Gawler & Districts Club and she will share with us some of her personal exploits in growing orchids. It will be a refreshing and interesting start with our programme of speakers for the year. Come along and get back into the swing of activities. Remember distancing rules and Covid regulations still apply, so keep safe, and remember to practice the precautions.

DID YOU EXHIBIT PLANTS LAST YEAR?

The limited opportunity to show plants last year led to the decision not to have annual aggregate competition nor awarding of our perpetual trophies, so **Committee has decided to give anyone who brought along plants anytime in 1920 a small plant in recognition of your growing efforts..**

We really appreciate your support to show members what we can grow.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Subs for 2021 are now due, members, but only if you did not pay subs for 2020.. If you did, your fees for

this year (2021) have been waived. Single membership \$25, and Joint membership \$35. All for 12 monthly meetings, (we hope) plus subsidised mid-year and Christmas dinners – pretty good value these days!..

LAST MEETING

Our AGM saw Iris Davies return to Committee duties, replacing Val Burgess after what proved to be a year of uncertainty with meetings, shows and social activities requiring last minute change of plans because of Covid19 regulations. Thank you for your service, Val. Your participation has been appreciated

One good thing which emerged was the conferral of Life Membership on Dr Tony Bourne His record of service should have been recorded and remembered a number of years ago, but Tony continues on in his quiet way, keeping the wheels turning without fuss and bother, always ready to help out with good advice and actions.

`We also had our usual year opener with a review of plants tabled over the months we could hold meetings, and perennially I'm blown away with the quality of John Seidel's photography, especially with the close-up work showing the gloss and texture of our beautiful blooms. John's judging knowledge enables him to capture the best angles and details – selection can make or ruin our impression of quality of the flowers. Thank you, John.

We also had distribution of the trophies from our Spring Show, and again I must remark on the quality

Kevin Gurney puts into manufacturing and providing them. Thank you, Kevin.

Our meetings would be much the poorer if members did not bring along their marvellous plants each month which give us all an idea of what we can achieve with a little luck and good culture, and thank you, too, to our judges who provide us with the incentive and guidance to recognise quality plants which we can aspire to own and so improve our collections.

PLANTS AT LAST MEETING.

Again last month plant numbers were down, but the good weather conditions we have experienced this season should make us eager to show off our plants this year.

The plants our growers bring in are a tribute to their expertise, and we thank them for providing we lesser growers with the incentive to grow our own just that bit better.



Prosthechea cochleata

This orchid should be in everyone's collection. It grows easily in a cym type mix, and it flowers from nearly every bulb it makes up. It is popularly called the cockleshell orchid (see the resemblance in the lips, which flower upside down.) No special growing conditions are needed. Some examples of this species have more blooms per

stem than others, and they don't always come out at the same time.



John Seidel's *Paph St Swithin 'Zodiac'*

Not last month's flowering, but an excellent and typical sample of hybridising with *Paph rothschildianum*. You'll need some winter warmth to grow and flower it this well



Keep an eye out for these chinese style paphiopedilums in the next few months. Miniature plants and slow growing, but beautiful.

COMPETITION RESULTS January 2021

NON STANDARD LAELIINAE

Open Div
 1st *Cty* Burdekin Honey `Shona`
 M Willoughby & Oui Ju

First Div

1st *Enc* Bee's Knees x *venosa* A Drew

SPECIES LAELIINAE

Open Div
 1st *Psh cochleata* J & D Higgs
 2nd *Enc atrorubens* V & N Cooper

First Div

1st *Psh cochleata* A & P Steer

Second Div

1st *Psh cochleata* S Laznicka
 2nd *Psh cochleata* R Riggs

OTHER SPECIES

First Div
 1st *Coel usitana* A Drew
 Second Div
 1st *Sngl macloughlinii* R Riggs

NOVELTY PAPHIOPEDILUM

Open Div.
 1st *St* Swithin `Zodiac` J Seidel
 2nd *Lady Isabel* M Willoughby & Oui Ju

SPECIES PAPHIOPEDILUM

Open Div
 1st *primulinum* J Seidel
 2nd *superbiens* M Willoughby & O Ju

AUST NATIVE EPIPHYTE HYBRIDS.

Open Div
 1st *Sarco* Belmont Rose M Willoughby & O Ju

AUST NATIVE TERRESTRIAL SPECIES

Open Div
 1st *Dienia montana* J & D Higgs

ONCIDIINAE

Open Div
 1st *Pyp* Mendenhall `Hildos` M Willoughby & Oui Ju
 2nd *Onc* Wildcat `Ocelot` M Willoughby & O Ju
 3rd *Alcra* Marfitch `Howard's Dream`
 M Willoughby & Oui Ju

First Div

1st *Onc* Unknown P & H Haltis

Second Div

1st *Onc* Aka Baby J & D Cassar

ONCIDIINAE SPECIES

Open Div
 1st *Gom flexuosa* V & N Cooper

ZYGOPETALUM HYBRIDS

Open Div
 1st *Prom* Mike Leaity M Willoughby & O Ju
 2nd *Zga* Frankston V & N Cooper
 3rd *Pbt Kiwi Crinkle* M Willoughby & O Ju

SEEDLING

Open Div
 1st *Prom* Mike Leaity M Willoughby & O Ju
 2nd *Paph primulinum* J Seidel

POPULAR VOTE

Open Div
 1st *Paph* St Swithin `Zodiac` J Seidel
 2nd *Pyp* Mendenhall `Hildos` M Willoughby & Oui Ju

3rd *Psh cochleata* J & D Higgs
 First Div
 1st *Coel usitana* A Drew
 2nd *Onc* Unknown P Haltis
 2nd Div.
 1st *Onc* Aka Baby J & D Cassar
 2nd *Psh cochleata* S Laznicka
 3rd *Sngl macloughlinii* R Riggs

BEST ORCHID IN DIVISION

Open Division

***Paph* St. Swithin `Zodiac`**

J Seidel.

First Division

Coelogyne usitana

A Drew

Second Division

Psh cochleata

S Laznicka

REGISTRAR'S CHOICE

***Paph.* St. Swithin `Zodiac`**

Grown by John Seidel.

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