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Our new meeting hall at 34 LONG ST PLYMPTON . NOTE – ACCESS TO HALL NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL 7.30 pm Parking at side and at rear of hall.

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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	Pauline Simcock, Garry Simcock
1992	Peter Speer*, Deane Johnston, Frank Neighbour*, Nancy Neighbour*		
1996	Kevin Gurney, Noel Oliver*		

*Denotes deceased member

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2022 PROGRAMME

January meeting cancelled 2022.

JANUARY 2022 meeting was cancelled due to increasing Covid pandemic infections and concerns for member safety New venue being evaluated.

**FEBRUARY meeting will be held at our new venue
34 LONG St. PLYMPTON**

BIRTHDAYS FOR January and February 2022

Birthday draw for a plant for each month will be held this meeting

January Denise Cassar Anton Drew John Dunn Ralph Edwards Jane Higgs
John Seidel Lucy Spear.

February Ellen Hume Robert Gunn Beryl Wilson and Kevin Western

Next Committee Meeting: Pine View, Village, Glenside Feb 21st 7.00pm
Next Judges Meeting To be advised. 7.30pm
Next SA Regional Judging Panel Meeting: To be advised

PRESIDENT'S FORUM February 2022.

Hello, everyone

Well, lots have been happening since our Christmas meeting, starting with the cancellation of our January meeting due to the increasing rate of Covid infections and changing rules about testing and follow up of new cases.

After our Christmas meeting, Adelaide West, our venue for the past 14 years, decided to significantly increase charges for use of their hall, and we have been busy investigating possible venues nearby which suited our needs .

A new home has been found at the Plympton Community Hall with the help of the West Torrens Council, and which has all the facilities of our previous venue

With Covid infections allowing, we will begin meetings in February.

Thank you to all who have been checking possible venues, and to our Treasurer, Garry, who has been following up with the Council.

It has been a sad time recently as we have lost members of the family of two of our members, Jan Whibley and Trevor Hutchison, and we have also lost our wonderful club member, Ben Knobben They will all be greatly missed.

Keep safe and well, and I look forward to seeing many of you at our next meeting at the new location.

Best wishes,

Diana.Bird President

CHRISTMAS DINNER MEETING.

Thankyou to everyone who attended our Christmas Dinner and helped to make it such an enjoyable event.

To those to whom I said I would take their money when I had a

moment, I apologise; by the time I was free, almost everyone had gone home.

I promise to be available this coming meeting with Receipt Book and change, so that I can collect payments from the Dinner as well as Membership Fees for this year.

The Dinner cost for members was \$15.00, and \$20.00 for guests.

The membership fees remain the same as for 2020; \$25.00 for single and \$35.00 for joint or family membership.

Garry Simcock Treasurer

THIS MONTH

We will commence meetings at

34 LONG ST. PLYMPTON

this month Another group has the hall until 7.30 pm, so access is unavailable until that time. It will mean we will need assistance to set up chairs and tables, etc. so we can start the meeting at 8 pm. The hall is booked until 10.30 pm when the caretaker will arrive to lock up. From 7.30 pm we have full access to kitchen, a room for judges' deliberations etc., an overhead projector, and cupboard space.

SPRING SHOW prizes

Following last year's Spring Show, members indicated a preference to receive a small plant as their prize instead of having their name engraved on a trophy. **Prizes will be available for collection this meeting.** Please attend this meeting if your health permits, to collect your prize: This will save me the hassle of bringing them in to every meeting until we meet.

Thank you

Garry Simcock

Our guest speaker this month will be Graham Zerbe, who will tell us about growing zygopetalums, which come from South America. They are easily grown in our natural South Australian climate, and whose perfume and interesting colour range are popular with the general public.

Normally the first talk of the year is a review by our Registrar, Don Higgs, of last year's best seedlings and other outstanding plants, but this will be held over until later in the year.

Please note that **at each end of Long St, access to right hand turns into both Anzac Highway and Marion Rd are not directly available** due to median strips in the centre of each of those roads. Please check your Street directories, Google maps, etc to plan your best way to access the Hall. **See also Garry's notes on Page7.** Parking is available at the eastern side of the hall and at the rear, and access is available via both front and rear doors.

JUDGING PROMOTIONS 2022

We congratulate the Cassar family on promotion from Second Div to First Division. Joe grows an extensive collection of orchids, and he grows them very well, so he's sure to have continuing success on the show benches in First Division.

Congratulations, Joe, from Registrar, Don Higgs and the Judging panel.

CHEERIOS.

We send a big cheerio to Shirley Brand, and to Brian Brand, too, who is now out of hospital and

recuperating in the Philip Kennedy Hospice at Largs Bay.

Our best wishes, too, to Jane Higgs, who is recovering from the effects of the Covid 19 virus.

VALE.

It is with deep and sincere regret that we advise everyone of the passing of a member and family of other members in recent days.

Jan Whibley's daughter, Fiona, passed away of a Covid related illness on 22/1/2022.

It came as a shock when Ben's Knobben's wife, Christine rang to advise us that Ben had passed away early on 25th January. Ben had been in and out of hospital for some time.

And then Trevor Hutchison rang to say that his son had passed away suddenly whilst at work. A few days later, Trevor rang me again to say that his brother, who had been in ill-health for some time had also passed on

We send our sincere condolences and sympathy to the families of all these members and friends.

REMEMBERING SPECIAL PEOPLE

.by Garry Simcock

A few months back, we went to visit **Ben Knobben**, to inspect his orchids, and I wrote an article about a cymbidium which Pauline admired, and as we were leaving, he gave it to her with the comment "It's only a clone". It was a small plant given to him as a prize which he grew on and flowered to perfection, but to Ben, the excitement of orchid growing was flowering a seedling for the first time.

I was reminded of Ben bringing a Phalaenopsis in full bloom to put on the

Trading Table at one of our shows. Someone, in an attempt to stir him up, asked what it was and what he was doing with it. With a cheeky grin, and as quick as a flash, he replied, "I won it as a prize; I have grown it on and got it flowering, but it is not a Cymbidium, so I am not keeping it."

I do not know if Ben had a fan club that he brought with him to shows, but every time he brought plants in for the trading table, he would manage to collect a group of people between the car-park and the trading table, all with hands on the plants in his trolley ready to purchase them as soon as he reached the trading table.

After the passing of Kevin, a new face appeared with Jan Whibley at the beginning and the end of our shows; Jan and Kevin's daughter, **Fiona Mallett** stepped in to bring Jan and her plants to the shows, and she reappeared to collect them at the conclusion, while her health permitted.

I only spoke to Fiona briefly (something to do with the chaos of setting up or pulling down), but I know of other members who got to know her quite well.

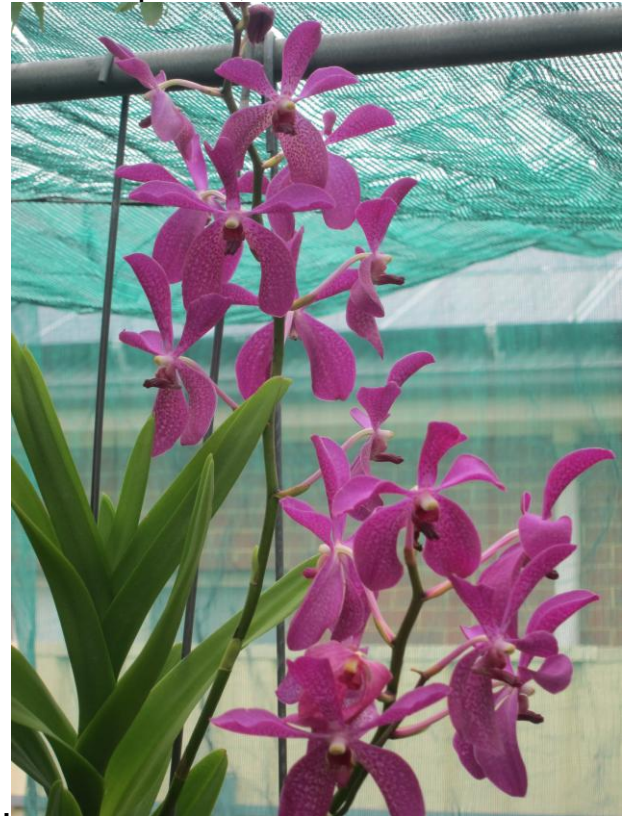
Her presence will be missed by many.

PLANTS flowering for members during JANUARY 2022

Thank you to members who have supplied photos of some of their orchids which flowered in January. It gives other members an idea of some of the orchids which flower when there's not so many plants in bloom in mid-summer.

This first one from Fred Cawse, is an example of vandas Fred grows throughout the year in his unheated

house, where he has great success growing and flowering them, along with many cattleyas and oncidium alliance plants, too



(*Aranda Christine x Vanda Varavuth*).

Vicky Cooper sent a trio of interesting plants.



Cym Pied Piper

The first two are cyms, which shows that careful selection means you can have attractive cym. year round.



Cym Sundaani Autumn `Tessaani', one of the best from a Pauline Hockey crossing.



This very nice reed stem epidendrum is flowering beautifully on a small plant. Vicky intends to try growing them outside in the garden. She'll need to provide sun protection on those really hot days.



This is one of Trevor Hutchison's really good clones of *Ansellia africana* (right at the end of its flowering season.)

This next one from Ralph Edwards is a lycaste, a genus of intriguing orchids, both for their odd shaped blooms and their growing habit, which in many species, drop their leaves before flowering. Ralph has made somewhat of a study of these orchids and has a number of different varieties in cultivation.



Lycaste aromatica, one of the perfumed South American species.

BEN KNOBBEN EULOGY.

Spoken by Pauline Simcock at Ben Knobben's funeral 4/2/2022 (Part only)

"To Christine and Ben's family ,on behalf of the S.A. Orchidaceous Society Inc., I extend our heartfelt

sympathies to them as they farewell their husband and father.

Ben joined our Society approximately 25 years ago, and remained an active member to the present date. He grew magnificent Cymbidium orchids of all colours and sizes, and he was always happy to talk about orchids to anybody he met. His knowledge was extensive, and he was always happy to share this knowledge with other growers. Even though Ben's health was often compromised, at Show times he managed to have some beautiful blooms to form the basis of a display. He organised and significantly contributed to Cymbidium Club displays at SAROC Fairs over the years. For many years, Ben was Show Marshall and Judging Registrar for the Cym. Club until his health failed him.

When I contacted our members, notifying them of Ben's passing, invariably he was described as one of life's gentlemen; he was considered to be a fine example of a genuine club member.

To Christine and her family, we extend our sympathies – they have lost their loved and loving husband and Dad; the orchid fraternity will miss Ben's contribution to orchid growing immensely, and everybody who knew Ben has lost a wonderful friend.

The pain has gone now;
Rest in Peace, Ben."

Well done, Pauline. The full script of Pauline's address will be posted at our new Hall at the February meeting Ed.

OUR NEW MEETING VENUE is

Plympton Community Centre
34 Long Street,
Plympton.

This is situated in the North East corner of the intersection of Anzac Highway and Marion Road. It can be easily accessed, or you can make it difficult due to the need for "U" turns on busy roads.

If travelling south on Marion Road, turn left into Long Street opposite the Mooring Avenue intersection. If travelling north along Marion Road, best option is to turn right at Anzac Highway, then left into Long Street (a couple of streets towards the city).

If travelling towards the city over the Marion Road intersection, turn left into Long Street. If travelling away from the city along Anzac Highway, you either have to do a "U" turn, and come back to Long Street, or turn right earlier at the Beckman/Gray Street intersection and wind in to Long Street.

We cannot have access to the venue until 7.30p.m., so we will need to get well organised on arrival (the back rooms, sewing room and billiard room are in use until 7.30p.m. and because the toilets have to be accessed through the main hall, Council does not allow occupancy until completion of the earlier booking). We will have sole access to the hall, meeting room and kitchen from 7.30pm.

All meetings are booked for the third Wednesday of the month, **except**

- **August Dinner meeting**
Thursday, 18 August, 2022 and
- **December Christmas Dinner**
Thursday, 15 December, 2022

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